

OBEY THE LORD

WE HAVE ALL FALLEN IN OUR WALK WITH CHRIST, AND WE LIKELY ALL KNOW OF OTHERS WHO HAVE FALLEN AS WELL. DO YOU EVER LOOK AROUND AND WONDER WHY THE WICKED SEEM TO PROSPER WHY GOD'S CHILDREN SUFFER? TRY MEDITATING ON GOD'S CONSTANT PRESENCE AND PREVAILING JUDGMENT IN THE END. AS THE SAYING GOES, "A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS THE WORLD'S MOST COMFORTABLE PILLOW." GOD IS MUCH MORE GRACIOUS THAN SOCIETY. WE CAN ASK FORGIVENESS FROM GOD, BUT WE CAN'T ESCAPE THE REALITY THAT SIN SEPARATES US FROM THE PEOPLE WE LOVE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE WHEN WE COMMIT SINS OF ANGER, HATRED, OR VIOLENCE. WHEN WE ARE ANGRY, SIN IS CROUCHING WITH DESIRE AT THE DOOR TO OUR HEARTS. DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND SEEK ACCEPTANCE FROM THE LORD. ALWAYS RECONSIDER THE WORD *NATURAL*. REMEMBER THAT GOD CREATED THIS WORLD, & NOTHING IN IT IS INDEPENDENT OF HIS CONTROL. THE SYSTEMS, RULES, AND RESULTS THAT ARE SO FAMILIAR WITHIN THE NATURAL WORLD ARE STILL THE HANDIWORK OF THE LORD. THE FOOD WE EAT, THE WARMTH OF THE SUN, AND THE PRACTICAL CONSEQUENCES OF OUR ACTIONS DON'T COME FROM "*MOTHER NATURE*". THEY COME FROM GOD. PRAISE HIM FOR THE WONDERS BIG AND SMALL THAT HE PROVIDES IN EVERY MOMENT OF OUR LIVES. ISN'T IT ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THERE IS MORE TO OUR LIVES THAN WHAT WE SEE BEFORE US? A LOT MORE THAN WHAT YOU CAN SEE IN A MIRROR.

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF GOD TO RESCUE U FROM ANY HARDSHIP OR TO PROVIDE YOU WITH WHATEVER YOU MIGHT NEED? TAKE TIME TO WRITE DOWN THE WAYS GOD HAS HELPED YOU IN THE PAST. THANK GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE AND PRAISE HIM FOR HIS ABILITY TO CONTINUALLY MEET YOUR NEEDS. FAILURE TO TRUST IN GOD WILL ALWAYS LEAD US TO MISS OUT ON BLESSINGS HE INTENDS FOR US. WHEN GOD ASKS YOU TO TRUST IN HIM, OBEY WITHOUT HESITATION. BE WILLING TODAY TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT, NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT IT MAY SEEM. THE MORE WE STUDY THE EFFECTS OF SIN, THE MORE REASONS WE HAVE TO STAY PURE AND TRUE IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD. BE SURE TO TAKE TIME TODAY SIMPLY TO PRAISE THE LORD FOR ALL THAT HE IS AND ALL THAT HE HAS DONE FOR ALL OF US. TO BE MORE LIKE CHRIST, WE HAVE TO PUT OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS AND DESIRES AHEAD OF OUR OWN. LET US NEVER TAKE LIGHTLY OUR DUTY TO OBEY THE LORD.