

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I just rejoice today that we can turn to the Word of God and listen to what He is speaking to our hearts. In **Psalm 37: 23**, we read -

23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

Are you feeling pretty cast down today? Are there things happening around your life and somehow, it seems, you are never on top of them? As you are dealing with this urgency that you should find a solution, would you please recognize that the Lord loves you? The Lord wants to take over the details of your life. He wants, really, to order those things which He planned from before the foundation of the world, that, in His victory, you can meet every day. Of course, there will be tremendous things happening. It is not going to be that every day is going to be a glorious, rosy day. There will be all kinds of problems, but remember, it is in Christ Jesus that these have been met at the Cross. Therefore, He would have us be totally dependent upon Him.

Some of us have a problem with this because of our emotions. You know, *iniquity* is, literally, an emotional rebellion against God. God cursed Satan. He told him that he was no longer going to be hiding in that animal that looked like a cow in the field, but he was to be limited to be crawling on the ground. That is exactly now what a serpent does. But as he crawled on his belly, the result was that he was in the dust and he was

filled with poison. That is exactly what can happen to our emotions! For Satan, it meant his entire life would be experienced in his emotions.

Therefore, having had this curse put on him, you can see why he went straight to the woman, because, by nature, the woman is a responder: she responds to what she receives. So Satan fell into emotional rebellion and, as he did so, he made sure that he attacked Eve, knowing that she would receive in her emotions at the tree of knowledge. Adam, unfortunately, followed, because, although he was her covering as a result of the original sin, he felt he could not do without this partner he had. An emotional rebellion took the place instead of clear doctrinal thinking in Adam and it took the place of him following. But, as he did, he had emotional feelings against his wife. There was enmity there. He said, “She gave it to me. Eve did this.” As a result, when God dealt with this situation, a curse was upon Eve that there would be pain in childbirth. And for Adam, it meant that the ground would be tilled by the sweat of his brow and there would be drought and thorns and thistles. Some of you know a little bit of what I am talking about in your life.

But, you know, God made a wonderful provision for Adam and Eve, even in the midst for that curse that was upon them. God took an animal and killed the animal and blood was shed. God took the skin of that animal and clothed their nakedness. He represented, in doing that, what they could look for Him to do on the Cross - that His precious Blood would be shed. For . . .**without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin.** . .

Satan is in the garden, cursed. He cannot think properly. So what does he do? He

functions in supernatural emotions and tries to transfer them onto people like you and me. Do you find you become very emotional about certain issues? When you stop and think about it, you wonder why you were so emotional about it. Satan's entire program - in political areas, in social areas, and in every area of marriage and family - is to cause people to function without objective thinking through worldly living.

If we have rebellion against the Word of God, we have iniquity, we are told. We exalt ourselves: we honor self-consciousness at the tree of knowledge, instead of God-consciousness through the light of His Word. We resist Satan how? How do we get out of that mess? Not by wrestling against him as if wrestling with flesh, but God gives more grace to the humble. We then resist, not what we feel are the emotional issues that we have to overcome, but we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord and He lifts us up. He does the resisting of the enemy when we stand with dependence on the Lord and run to Him with our problem, so that we might say, "He has ordered my steps as a good man of the Lord." May the Lord order your steps for His glory this day.

God bless you. Bye bye.