Avoiding the Sin of Doubt

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Asaph, a Levite, was a chief singer and leader of King David's choral worshipers; in fact, he is credited with writing eleven of the Psalms. He was a very close friend to David and the two loved being in the house of God together. Yet, in spite of his tremendous calling and blessings, Asaph confessed, "But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped" (Psalm 73:2).

Now, we know Asaph was a pure-hearted man who believed God was good. In fact, he began his discourse in this psalm by saying, "Truly God is good to Israel, to such as are pure in heart" (73:1).

Yet, in the very next verse Asaph confesses that he almost slipped. Why did he declare this? He notes that he saw the wicked around him prospering while they neglected God's commands and it would have been easy for Asaph to wonder why God didn't "balance the books," so to speak.

Have you ever wondered why blessings are being heaped on people who live duplicitous lives? Perhaps you've seen an ungodly coworker rewarded instead of you or an unconverted neighbor acquire material things while you struggled to make ends meet.

It can be very easy for suffering Christians to slide into a grievous sin — the sin of doubt. They may think, "I've been living right but all my strictness and diligence to study God's Word, my praising and worshiping, have been in vain. In spite of all I do, I still suffer."

Beloved, that is when you must be careful. When your trial comes upon you, when you're grieving or discouraged, you need to guard your heart against slipping into doubt. Don't let your faith or your confidence be shaken. God is still on the throne. Get your eyes off your trials and put your eyes on the Lord himself. God will help you to love him and never slip into unbelief.

Asaph saw that he had almost slipped but he held on to proclaim, "I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works" (73:28). And you can do the same!

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