

MEDIATION 17, Psalm 33 & 34: “The LORD Is Able to Get it Done.”

“The LORD frustrates the plans of nations, brings to naught the designs of peoples. What the LORD plans endures for ever, what He designs, for ages on end... Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, who wait for His faithful care to save them from death, to sustain them in famine.” 33:10, 11, 18, 19

“The angel of the LORD camps around those who fear Him and rescues them... The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; those crushed in spirit He delivers. Though the misfortunes of the righteous be many, the LORD will save him from them all... The LORD redeems the life of His servants; all who take refuge in Him shall not be ruined.” 34:8, 19, 20, 23

Anybody who looks around at what is happening in the world can feel worried and afraid. In our time there is much to fear. Nations against nations, different groups within nations against each other. Technologies we don't understand. All kinds of things happening that we fear will get out of control. Even the small things of life – where we will work, where we will live, what we will eat – seem beyond our ability to control. The truth is, we can't control everything. Politicians can't either, nor can the rich and famous. There is just too much to manage. As the saying goes “Life ain't easy.”

Sometimes when pressure builds up and we know something needs to be done, we try to do things our own way and things don't turn out well. It's just no good, and we wonder where God is or even if there is a God. Or if there is a god, he must be against me. That's not true! God is not against you; it may just be that He is not supporting how you are trying to manage your life. Or maybe it's just life is tough and things don't always work out because of the way the world is. Nobody promised life would be easy, not even for good people.

The Psalmist recognized that we humans are not able to manage everything. However he did not panic or lose confidence in the future because he knew the LORD who created heaven and earth and all that is upon them – He is able to manage things. No problem is too great for the LORD to solve, nothing is too small to escape His notice. He frustrates the plans of kings and nations yet his eye is on the sparrow. To those who keep themselves from doing wrong and turn to him in trust, the LORD is a faithful friend and helper. Set your hope upon the Lord, wait upon his deliverance. Seek after His way of doing things and wait upon His salvation.

Prayer: “Lord, I know my faith is weak. Show me your grace and greatness. Forgive me my lack of faith that leads me into wrong paths. Help me wait upon you. Amen.”