

DAY 35

Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress. (Psalm 4:1 KJV)

*~~ Iron in life is better than gold ~~*

This verse is one of the greatest testimonies ever written regarding the effectiveness of God's work on our behalf during times of crisis. It is a statement of thanksgiving for having been set free not from suffering but rather through suffering. In stating, "Thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress," the psalmist is declaring that the sorrows of life have themselves been the source of life's enlargement.

Haven't each of us experienced this a thousand times and found it to be true? Someone once said of Joseph that then he was in the dungeon, "iron entered his soul." And the strength of iron is exactly what he needed, for earlier he had only experienced the glitter of gold. The gold is simply a passing vision, whereas the iron is the true experience of life.

The chain that is the common bond uniting us to others must be one of iron. The common touch of humanity that gives the world true kinship is not joy but sorrow because gold is partial to only a few, but iron is universal. So, do not complain about the shadows of darkness. In reality, they are better than your dreams could ever be.

If Joseph had never been Egypt's prisoner, he would have never been Egypt's governor. The iron chain that bound his feet brought about the golden chain around his neck. Amen. (LC – Sept. 8)

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Abba Father,

We usually prefer to have gold than iron in our life. We are jealous of people who have more gold. Now, we know iron, which strengthens us to build endurance in our soul, is the way to come to You with a humble heart. Just like Joseph, please help us take the burden joyfully with hope in Christ so that we can join your eternal glory in Jesus Christ. Amen. (DC)