

*Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.” (Psalm 27:9-10)*

Every person has at least three powerful assets: his wealth, his friends, and his family. The extent to which these are able and willing to help him varies widely.

Some have little or almost no wealth. But however little it is, he is not entirely destitute and without help as long as some of it is available to secure his protection and necessities. Others have vast quantities of money, lands, and possessions. But however immense may be such assets, they are not inexhaustible. They can, and will, be expended. They can help him and make him secure as long as they last, but when they are gone he is no better than the pauper considered above. Riches can go with us and help us only until they are exhausted. They will be.

Some friends are more faithful than others. Some forsake us at the least advantageous offer, or when it appears they may have to bear reproach for our sakes. But some will stick with us all the way to the end.

Parents are closer to us than all men. Rarely, if ever, will a father or mother forsake his or her own offspring. They will be with us to offer their help and assistance to the fullest of their ability all the way to the grave. Whether it be their graves or ours, that somber terminal marks the end of men's resources. Our friends may accompany our lifeless bodies to that spot in the earth, but there they must turn away and walk with us no more.

Some of us have an Asset of so much more value than the other three as to make them seem as nothing. When those are all gone, the LORD will take up our case, and He will not forsake us forever. When our friends and loved ones must turn and leave us in the earth, He has already transported us to a realm where death cannot intrude. He will not only bring us across that chilly Jordan, but will accompany us to the bar of Divine Justice, where all men must stand before their Creator and be judged for their deeds. The Lord Jesus Christ will then so plead our cause that He will secure a full pardon for all those who put their trust in Him. Happy are those who do so now, while it is yet time, and our other resources have not yet failed us.

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