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Devotional

Anchored to God's Law



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Through the Psalms
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> If your law had not been my delight,
> I would have perished in my affliction.
> I will never forget your precepts,
> for by them you have preserved my life.
> (Psalm 119:92–93)

Affliction is part of the total pattern of life in this world. It is unrealistic, therefore, to expect to avoid it. Some Christians imagine that their faith will grant them automatic exemption from affliction, but this is not so. If anything, the opposite is to be expected. Paul and Barnabas told a newly formed Christian congregation, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Do not look for a way through life that bypasses affliction. If by any chance you should find one, it would not lead you into God's Kingdom.

David certainly did not escape the stormy waves and blasts of affliction, but he did have an anchor that held him firm in the midst of them. That anchor was God's law. David's heart was so bound by love to God's law that affliction could not move him. Looking back on all he had passed through, he says with gratitude to the LORD: "I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life."

The same anchor is still available to us today: the eternal, unchanging law of God. The tempests of affliction cannot shift its foundations or diminish its authority. We make it our anchor as David made it his – by the unreserved commitment of our obedience. Out of this there flows a stream of life within stronger than all the forces that oppose us from without.

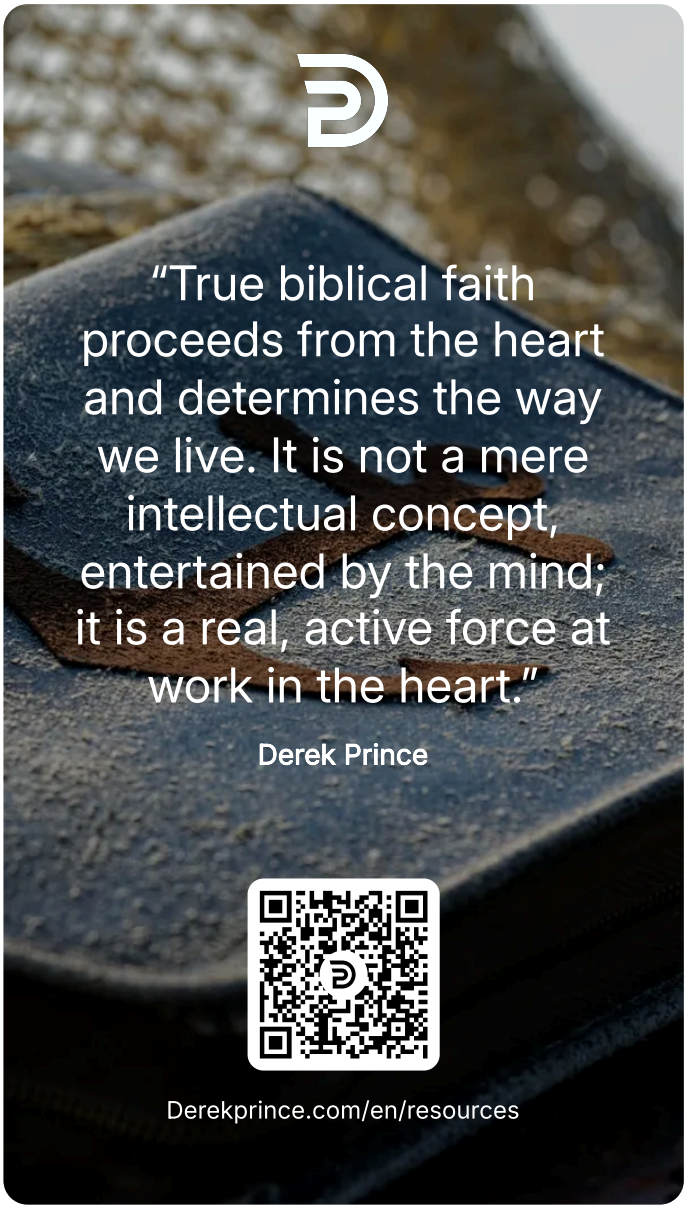
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