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Through It All

1. I've had many tears and sorrows,
I've had questions for tomorrow,
there's been times I didn't know right
from wrong.
But in every situation,
God gave me blessed consolation,
that my trials come to only make me strong.

Chorus

***Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God.
Through it all,
through it all,
I've learned to depend upon His Word.***

2. I've been to lots of places,
I've seen a lot of faces,
there's been times I felt so all alone.
But in my lonely hours,
yes, those precious lonely hours,
Jesus lets me know that I was His own

Chorus

3. I thank God for the mountains,
and I thank Him for the valleys,
I thank Him for the storms He brought me
through.
For if I'd never had a problem,
I wouldn't know God could solve them,
I'd never know what faith in God could do.

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What is Barley?

Barley is a small grain cereal used for human food and for feeding cattle, pigs, and chickens. For the Jew, barley was a food staple for several reasons:

1. Barley was less expensive to purchase than wheat.
2. Barley was drought resistant and tolerant of both alkaline and saline soils; therefore, could grow in the diverse soil of Israel.
3. Normally barley took 90 – 120 days to ripen. Barley is the first grain that ripens in the spring. The beginning of barley harvest was in late April, in the early springtime.

7 Major Feasts of Israel

1ST COMING

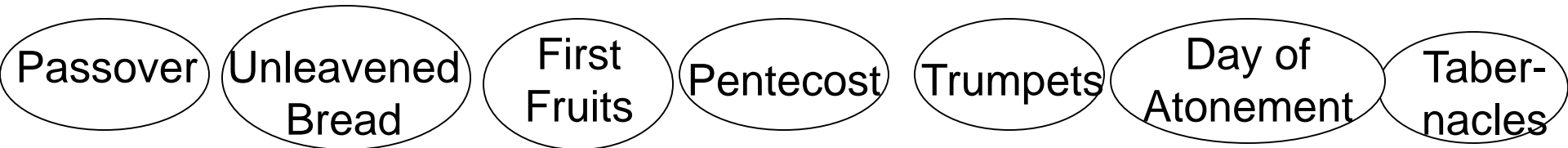
Lev. 23

2ND COMING

Spring Feasts

Summer

Fall Feasts



His Death

His Burial

His

Gives

First & Last

Confession

“Tents

Resurrection

Holy Spirit

Trumpets

Repentance,

with us”

Resurrection,

Wedding, Gathering

*Fulfilled

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*Beginning

*2nd

*Millennium

of Tribulation

Coming

Nisan 14

Nisan 15

Nisan 16

Sivan 6

50 Days →

Days of Awe

Tishri 1 →

Tishri 10

Tishri 15

First Month

Second Month

7th month

New Moon

The process of bringing in the harvest involved eight steps:

1. The stalks of ripened grain were cut with hand sickles and laid on the ground. (Dt 16:9; 23:25; Jer 50:16; Joel 3:13).
2. The cut stalks were gathered into bundles and tied into sheaves (Gen 37:7; Job 24:10; Ps 126:6) which were then set upright to prevent moisture from causing mold or mildew. The corners of the field and any stalks of grain that happened to fall were to be left for the "gleaners," the poor who under the Law had the right to gather the gleanings (Lev 19:9-10; 23:22). Some sheaves were also deliberately left behind for the poor (Dt 24:19; Job 24:10; Rt 2:7, 15).
3. The bundled and dried sheaves were then transported to the threshing site (Rt 3:6-7; Amos 2:13; Mic 4:12). The "threshing floor" was a flat elevated area with a smooth surface, usually on a hill top where afternoon winds would help in the winnowing process.

4. At the threshing floor the grain was loosed from the straw and chaff by "threshing." This part of the process was usually accomplished by oxen treading on the stalks (Dt 25:4; Hos 10:1) or by using the wheels of carts (Is 28:8) or by oxen drawing wooden sleds with notched rims (Dt 25:4; Is 28:27; 41:5; Amos 1:3; 1 Cor 9:9).
5. At this point the process of "winnowing" began. The grain was tossed into the air with winnowing forks (Is 30:4; Jer 15:7). The wind then would blow away the chaff while the heavier grain fell to the ground (Ps 1:4).
6. The grain was gathered and sifted (Am 9:9) to remove any foreign debris like stones, dirt particles or manure.
7. The clean grain was bagged and transported either for storage in a silo or to the market for sale (Gen 41:35-36, 47-49).
8. The chaff was burned in bonfires and the community celebrated with singing, dancing and feasting (Rt 3:7; Is 5:24; 9:2/3; Mt 3:12; Lk 3:17).

Lev 19:9-10

9 'Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest.

10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the Lord your God.

Lev 23:22

22 'When you reap the harvest of your land, moreover, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field nor gather the gleaning of your harvest; you are to leave them for the needy and the alien. I am the Lord your God.'"

Deut 24:19-22

19 "When you reap your harvest in your field and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow, in order that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

20 "When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.

21 "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not go over it again; it shall be for the alien, for the orphan, and for the widow.

22 "You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing.

Eph 2:11-13

- 11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands —
- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.















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3 observations -

1. In the area of this field:
 - a. David would tend his father's sheep.
 - b. Joseph would bring a young wife named Mary, to deliver her baby, the Messiah, born in the line of Boaz and Ruth.
 - c. In the hills above these fields shepherds would be tending to their flocks on the night the Messiah was born.
2. It was dangerous for a poor, single young woman who did not have the protection of a man to be gleaning in a field full of strange men.
3. Chance or providence?
 - Ruth has unknowingly chosen a field belonging to Naomi's kinsman.
 - Boaz visits his workers as Ruth is gleaning.
 - Boaz notices Ruth.

3 approaches as to why things happen:

A. Chaos - "life is a total random, meaningless, sequence of events."

" . . . and as luck would have it . . ."

" . . . by chance it happened . . ."

" . . . and out of the clear blue . . ."

"good luck!"

"What are the chances of that happening?"

"it was a meaningless act"

"why did this have to happen?"

"there was no rhyme or reason to it"

B. Fate - "life is a meaningless, fixed timeline of predetermined events, that is inevitable and unchangeable with no source, design, or purpose."

" . . . and as fate would have it . . . "

"what will be will be"

" it was just meant to be"

"when your number comes up . . . "

C. Providence of God - "God, from eternity past, appoints and directs all events and actions to accomplish the predetermined goal of the display of His glory. These events and actions are brought to pass precisely at the exact time, by the exact means, and under the exact conditions, which God has determined. Providence reaches from the smallest detail in life to the greatest occurrence. Therefore there is design and purpose in the providence of God."

Spurgeon said -

"I believe that every particle of dust that dances in the sunbeam, does not move an atom more or less than God wishes. That every particle of spray that dashes against the steamboat has its orbit, just as well as the sun in the heavens. And the chaff from the hand of the winnower is steered just like the stars in their courses. The creeping of the aphid over the rosebud is as much fixed as the march of the devastating pestilence. The fall of the leaves from the Poplar is as fully ordained as the tumbling of an avalanche."

Jer 10:23

23 I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself,
Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

Ps 37:23

3 The steps of a man are established by the LORD,
And He delights in his way.

Prov 16:1

1 The plans of the heart belong to man,
But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

Prov 16:9

9 The mind of man plans his way,
But the LORD directs his steps.

*“There is nothing of which it is more difficult to convince men than that the **providence** of God governs this world.”*

- John Calvin

Things Don't Just Happen

by Esther L. Fields

*Things don't just happen to us who love God;
They're planned by His own dear hand.
Then molded and shaped, and timed by His clock.
Things don't just happen; they're planned.*

*We don't just guess on the issues of life,
We Christians just rest in our Lord.
We are directed by His sovereign will
In the light of His holy word.*

*We who love Jesus are walking by faith,
Not seeing one step that's ahead,
Not doubting one moment what our lot might be,
But looking to Jesus instead.*

*We praise our dear Saviour for loving us so,
For planning each care of our life,
Then giving us faith to trust Him for all,
The blessings as well as the strife.*

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To us who have taken our stand.
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Joseph Henry Gilmore

1834-1918



As a young man who recently had been graduated from Brown University and Newton Theological Institution, I was supplying for a couple of Sundays the pulpit of the First Baptist Church in Philadelphia. At the mid-week service, on the 26th of March, 1862, I set out to give the people an exposition of the Twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions, but this time I did not get further than the words He Leadeth Me. Those words took

hold of me as they had never done before, and I saw them in a significance and wondrous beauty of which I had never dreamed. At the close of the meeting a few of us in the parlor of my host, good Deacon Wattson, kept on talking about the thought which I had emphasized; and then and there, on a blank page of the brief from which I had intended to speak, I penciled the hymn, talking and writing at the same time, then handed it to my wife and thought no more about it. She sent it to The Watchman and Reflector, a paper published in Boston, where it was first printed. I did not know until 1865 that my hymn had been set to music by William B. Bradbury. I went to Rochester to preach as a candidate before the Second Baptist Church. Going into their chapel on arrival in the city, I picked up a hymnal to see what they were singing, and opened it at my own hymn, **He Leadeth Me.**

HE LEADETH ME

1. He leadeth me, O blessèd thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

***He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.***

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, over troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

3. Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

Application

1. God cannot steer a car that is standing still.
2. Even a simple kind word spoken to someone, reveals the character of our hearts.
3. How do you view the things that happen in your life?
 - Is it just random chaos?
 - Is it blind fate?
 - Is it God's providence?
4. The seemingly insignificant steps you take today, tomorrow, and this week, guaranteed, are determined by God, and will be used in His plan for your future.