God’s Rod and Staff

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At my father’s house in the country, there is a little closet near the chimney, where we keep the canes, or walking sticks, of several generations of our family. During my visits to the old house, as my father and I are going out for a walk, we often go to the cane closet and pick out our sticks to suit the occasion. As we have done this, **I have frequently been reminded that the Word of God is a staff.**

During the war, when we were experiencing a time of discouragement and impending danger, the verse “*He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord*” (Ps. 112:7) was a staff to walk with on many dark days.

When our child died and we were left nearly brokenhearted, I found another staff in the promise “*Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning*” (Ps. 30:5).

When I was forced to be away from home for a year due to poor health, not knowing if God would ever allow me to return to my home and work again, I chose this staff, which has never failed: “*For I know the plans I have for you, . . . plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future*” (Jer. 29:11).

In times of impending danger or doubt, when human judgment seems to be of no value, I have found it easy to go forward with this staff: "*In quietness and trust is your strength*" (Isa. 30:15). And in emergencies, when there has been no time for deliberation or for action, this staff has never failed me: "*He that believes shall not make haste*" (Isa. 28:16).

Martin Luther's wife said, "I would never have known the meaning of various psalms, come to appreciate certain difficulties, or known the inner workings of the soul; I would never have understood the practice of the Christian life and work, if God had never brought afflictions to my life." It is quite true that God's rod is like a schoolteacher's pointer to a child, pointing out a letter so the child will notice it. **In this same way, God points out many valuable lessons to us that we otherwise would never have learned.**

God always sends His staff with His rod. "*Your shoes shall be iron and brass; and as your days, so shall your strength be.*" (Deuteronomy 33:25)

Each of us may be sure that if God sends us over rocky paths, He will provide us with sturdy shoes. **He will never send us on any journey without equipping us well.**

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