

When I Am Walking Through a Valley With Shadows, Pt. 2
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What Do We Know About “Valleys?”:

1. Valleys are certain and a normal part of life.

† 1 Peter 4:12, “Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you” (NLT).

2. Valleys are universal, common and impartial to everyone.

† Psalm 34:19, “The good man does not escape all troubles – he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one” (TLB).

† John 16:33b, “Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows” (NLT).

3. Valleys are irregular and unpredictable.

† Proverbs 27:1, “Never boast about tomorrow. You don’t know what will happen between now and then” (GNT).

Five Different “Valleys” Everyone Experiences In Life

1. The Valley of Anchor > The Valley of Troubles — troubles caused primarily by one person (Joshua 6).

2. The Valley of Siddim > The Valley of Failure where you slip, fall and get stuck (Genesis 14).

3. The Valley of Eschol > The Valley of Fear (Numbers 13).

4. The Valley of Elah > The Valley of Conflict (1 Samuel 17).

5. The Valley of Baca (Baka) > The Valley of Weeping, Grief, and Barrenness (Psalm 84).

When I Am In Any Valley, Remember These Three Truths:

1. I am not _____ because _____.

- The phrase, “shadow of death,” is just one Hebrew word [תַּלְמוּת, tzalmawet]. This Hebrew word is used to describe the _____.

† Psalm 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me. . .” (NKJV).

Two Biblical Principles to Trust:

a. The word “through” means the valley is _____.

b. The word “You” means _____.

† Matthew 28:20, “Be sure of this: I am with you always . . .” (NLT).

† Joshua 1:9, “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you [what?] wherever you go” (NLT).

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Here Is What You Will Learn If You Watch A Shadow:

a. Shadows are often _____ than the _____.

b. Shadows _____ . The “shadow of death” is a fear of an _____ without _____ for a committed Christian.

c. There cannot be a _____ without a _____.

† *John 8:12*, “I am the light of the world. If you follow Me, you won’t have to walk in through dark shadows alone, because you will have My light that leads to life” (PAR).

• How do you deal with the shadow? You _____, and you _____ . All of a sudden, you don’t see the shadow anymore.

† *Psalms 27:1*, “The Lord is my light and my salvation—so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?” (NLT).

† *John 1:5*, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it” (NLT).

† *1 John 1:5*, “This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: ‘God is light, and there is no darkness in Him at all’” (NLT).

† *Genesis 1:3*, “Let there be light . . .” (NLT).

† *Job 12:22*, “God uncovers deep things out of darkness and brings into light black gloom and the shadow of death” (AMP).

† *Isaiah 43:2*, “When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you” (TLB).

† *Psalms 73:28*, “As for me, God’s presence is all I need! I’ve made the Sovereign Lord my shelter” (NET).

† *Psalms 23:1, 4*, “The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need . . . 4Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me” (NLT).

2. God will help me _____ His _____ in the valley.

† *Romans 5:3-5*, “But that’s not all! Even in times of trouble we have a joyful confidence, knowing that our pressures will develop in us patient endurance. 4And patient endurance will refine our character, and proven character leads us back to hope. 5And this hope is not a disappointing fantasy, because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!” (TPT).

† *Hosea 2:15*, “I will transform the Valley of Trouble into a Gateway of Hope!” (NLT).

† *Hosea 2:15*, “I’m going to turn trouble valley into hopeful valley” (CEV).

† *Colossians 1:11*, “God will strengthen you with His own great power so that you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient” (EXB).

• God is not just going to give His _____ in a valley. He’s going to give you His _____.

3. There is an _____ for w _____ to Christ through the valley of the shadow of death.

† *2 Corinthians 4:17*, “Our present troubles are quite small, and they won’t last very long. Yet they are producing in us an eternal glory that will last forever and is greater than anything we can imagine!” (NLT/GWT).

† *Psalms 107:10-11, 13-15*, “Some were living in gloom and darkness, like prisoners suffering in chains, because they had rebelled against the commands of Almighty God . . . 11And had rejected His instructions. They were worn out from hard work . . . 13Then in their trouble they called to Lord, and He saved them from their distress. 14He brought them out of their gloom and darkness and broke their chains in pieces. 15They now must thank the Lord for His constant love, and for the wonderful things He did for them” (GNT).

† *Joel 3:14*, “There are many, many people in the valley of decision. The day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision” (GWT).