

Well, What About...?

“Once upon a time” (and this isn’t going to end happily ever after).

Once upon a time, the brethren were involved in a study of the Psalms, and God’s good pleasure showed upon the people of God.

Our study had considered God’s dealings with his people, and the assurance of God’s favor upon those who serve him. As the study progressed, reference was made to the words of David, saying, “I have been young, and now am old; Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his seed begging bread” (Psalms 37:25).

And then the questioned was asked, “Well, what about Lazarus? He was a righteous man, yet he was begging bread. What about that?”

What is the purpose of such questioning: to edify, or to break down? As David spoke, he stated what his experience had revealed. Looking at life through the eyes of the young often lacks knowledge. David said, “I have been young, and now am old.” His experience, attained through the observation of many years, brought him to the conclusion that godly people are, by-and-large, at an advantage, and God has shown his protection upon those who serve him. David concludes this Psalm, thusly: “And Jehovah helpeth them, and rescueth them; He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them, Because they have taken refuge in him” (v. 40). *ret*