

Daily Devotional, September 24, 2020

'Conviction of Sin', (Job 36:9)

“Then He tells them their work and their transgressions—That they have acted defiantly.” (Job 36:9)

The Lord God makes known to us our sin by various means. Sometimes we feel the sting of conscience. *“Now when they had heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?”” (Acts 2:37).* When conscience comes to call, we do well by consulting those who know the Word of God, and better still, consulting the Bible directly. So let us do that now. The weight of sin causes unrest in the spirit. *“When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long” (Psalm 32:3).* Sin is a great burden of soul hard to bear. *“For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me” (Psalm 38:4).* Conviction of sin brings us to grief. *“Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind” (Psalm 73:21).*

In the Book of Acts, Paul was brought before Felix the Governor, and Felix was filled with terror after hearing of the righteousness and judgment of God and His Christ. *“Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you”” (Acts 24:25).* Nobody enjoys coming under conviction of sin. But it is a needful thing for us all to experience, that we might know the Savior’s mercy.

Has God been convicting you of some sin in your life? The Holy Spirit works to do this from within and without (*John 16:8-11*). Have you *“acted defiantly”* in refusing to admit your sin and confess it before God Almighty? Is your response like that of those who heard and wished to conform to the godly preaching of Peter? Or are you more like Felix? Do not think that you can indulge your sin just a little bit longer. You *“can be sure your sin will find you out”* (*Numbers 32:23*). A convenient time may never come. If it’s not convenient to make peace with the Lord today, then maybe a little inconvenience is exactly what you need. The conviction is an awakening and awareness of sin. But divine forgiveness is the end of its confession.