You've been wrestling with serious questions — as a Christian, one who has genuinely converted and resolved to carry your cross and follow Christ, no matter the cost. Sometimes, those questions echo not just in your mind but deep in your heart. And many times, you feel like you haven't found real answers.

For instance, you might think: *"Ever since I surrendered my life to the Lord, I've experienced profound peace within. But nothing much seems to change around me. When I tried to live a holy life, friends and relatives drifted away. When I stopped gossiping, people accused me of being proud. When I refused bribes, more problems surfaced at work and people began to resent me. When I helped others, I didn't get thanks — I got criticism. When I started fasting and praying, the problems didn't go away; in fact, they kept coming. And when I began serving God, that's when financial difficulties peaked."*

You may even reach a point where you say: *"Is there any real benefit in denying myself for this faith? I feel no gain. Those who don't fear God seem to be the ones thriving — rich, healthy, successful — yet they reject God. Meanwhile, despite all my sacrifice and holiness, God seems not to notice me or reward me like them. What am I missing? What curse is on me? Or do they*

have something extra that I don't?"

These are not shallow doubts — these are deep, honest struggles of many saints. Even King David voiced similar cries. Consider what he said:

Psalm 69:7–12 (NIV):

> *"For I endure scorn for your sake, and shame covers my face. I am a foreigner to my own family, a stranger to my mother's children; for zeal for your house consumes me, and the insults of those who insult you fall on me. When I weep and fast, I must endure scorn; when I put on sackcloth, people make sport of me. Those who sit at the gate mock me, and I am the song of the drunkards."*

Psalm 73:1–12 (NIV):

> *"Surely God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart. ... For I envied the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. They have no struggles; their bodies are healthy and*

> *strong. They are free of common human burdens; they are not plagued by human ills. ... They scoff, and speak with malice; with arrogance they threaten oppression. ... They say, 'How would God know? Does the Most High know anything?' ... This is what the wicked are like — always free of care, they go on amassing wealth."*

Psalm 42:3 (NIV):

> *"My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'"*

These words come from David and Asaph, two of God's faithful servants — people who fasted, prayed, cried, and yet felt marginalized, mocked, or envied the wicked. Their struggle was not just emotional, but spiritual.

But here's the good news: God *heard* them. He responded. In Malachi 3:13–18 (NIV), He says:

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> *“You have spoken arrogantly against me,” says the LORD.*
> *“Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’*
> *“You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.’”*
> *Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name. “On the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”*

Do you see? Your good deeds are not wasted or ignored. There *is* a Book of Remembrance in heaven, and it’s writing down every act of faith, every sacrifice, every moment you chose God over the world.

So if you are truly committed to Christ, don’t fall into the trap of thinking your service has no value:

- Keep serving God, even when it’s hard.
- Keep rejecting sin — whether bribery, immorality, or the pressure to conform.
- Keep choosing righteousness, even when it seems like nothing changes around you.

Your struggles, your prayers, your sacrifice — they are not for nothing. They’re being recorded in heaven. And your reward is real.

Some final thoughts:

- The things of this world are *not your inheritance*. Whether you’re rich or poor, healthy or suffering — your true home and your true reward are with God.
- Don’t compare yourself with those who appear to have it all now. Their success might be temporary; God’s justice lasts forever. Remember Psalm 92:7 (NIV):

> *“though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever.”*

- Don’t delay your devotion or obedience, thinking you’ll “do better later.” You don’t know what tomorrow holds.
- Live now with your eyes on eternity. Let your faithfulness be your proof, not the world’s approval.

If you haven’t already, surrender wholeheartedly to Christ now — before this season of grace closes. And rest in the assurance that God sees you; He knows you; and He is writing your legacy.

God bless you.

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