## Avoiding the Avalanche

Robert and his wife were in shock when their dream cabin – 10,000 square feet of luxurious space overlooking Mount Timpanogos, the second highest mountain in Utah's Wasatch Range – was crushed in an avalanche.

It took nature only 10 seconds to destroy what had taken them several years to design, plan, build, and furnish. They had a very difficult time seeing God in the situation as they picked through the smashed bits of their belongings.

Until ...

Eight months later, Robert was at a business meeting when a colleague told him about an accident their wives almost had on the day of the avalanche. Before leaving their cabin, one of this man's sons had offered a prayer for a



safe trip home. Then, as they drove down the narrow road, they met Robert's wife. But when they slammed on their brakes, the car skidded on the ice.

Just before the two vehicles collided, the man's wife turned her Suburban into a deep snow bank. It took almost an hour to get the vehicle unstuck, and all that time, it blocked Robert's wife and son from passing. Had the accident not occurred, Robert's wife and child would very likely have been at home, killed in the avalanche.

Be slow to judge devastating circumstances in your life. God is ever present to turn adversity and calamity around for your good.

Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns. The better part is to be thankful that thorns have roses.

- Beecher Hunter