

# Not in a Sack

Before passenger trains were equipped with electric lights in their coaches, a Christian man was traveling by rail to a distant city. The route led through several long tunnels.

As the man was enjoying a pleasant conversation with the person behind him, the train was suddenly enveloped in total darkness. The other man, also a Christian, had traveled that way many times before.

Reassuringly, he said, "Cheer up, my friend, we're not in a sack. There's a hole at the other end!"

Frequently, almost without warning, we may pass from the brightness of some great moment with God into a state of gloom and disappointment. Yet, God's children are never "in a sack. There's a hole at the other end!"

Our "tunnel experiences" are merely the Lord's way of getting us through some mountain we could never scale on our own.

*You greatly rejoice, though now for a little while ... you have been grieved by various trials (1 Peter 1:6).*

-- Beecher Hunter