

Saved by a Missing Finger

Here is a story from the Middle Ages that will affirm your assurance about God and His control in our lives.

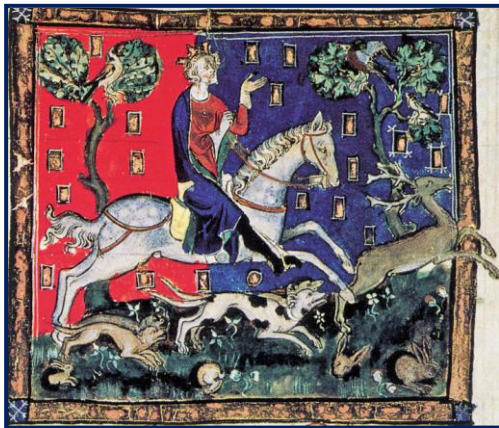
A king who did not believe in the goodness of God had a slave who, in all circumstances, would always say, "My king, do not be discouraged, because everything God does is perfect. He makes no mistakes."

One day, they went hunting and along the way a wild animal attacked the king. His slave managed to kill the animal, but could not prevent his majesty from losing a finger.

Furious and without showing gratitude for being saved, the nobleman asked, "Is God good? If He was good, I would not have been attacked and lost my finger."

The slave replied, "My king, despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good, and He knows why these things happened. What God does is perfect. He is never wrong."

Outraged by the response, the king ordered the arrest of his slave.



Later, the king left for another hunt, this time alone. He was captured by savages who engaged in human sacrifices. On the altar and ready to sacrifice the nobleman, the savages discovered that their victim did not have one of his fingers. According to their ritual, only a whole person with all his or her parts intact could be offered to the gods. The king without a finger was deemed unworthy of sacrifice. So they released the king.

Upon his return to the palace, the king authorized the release of his slave. He received the slave affectionately. "God was really good to me!" he exclaimed. "I was almost killed by the wild men, but for the lack of a single finger, I was let go. But I have a question. If God is so good, why did He allow me to put you in jail?"

The slave answered, "My king, if I had gone with you on this hunt, I would have been sacrificed instead because I have no missing finger. Remember, everything God does is perfect. He is never wrong. He made you keep me in jail so I would not be with you on the hunt."

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It's human nature for us to complain about the negative things that happen to us – forgetting that nothing is random and that everything has a purpose. Be patient amidst the adversity, and see what happens on down the road.

Every morning, we should offer our day to God. Ask Him to inspire your thoughts, to give you wisdom as you go about your responsibilities of serving others in our centers or offices.

And don't be afraid. God is never wrong.

As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him (Proverbs 18:30).

– Beecher Hunter