

The Perfect Saviour

*"We all stumble in many ways."
James 3:2 (NIV)*

*"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are – yet he did not sin.
Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)*

The picture some people have of believers is of a religion that offers prosperity and a life filled with all the heart could desire. Outsiders sometimes see us as confident, with an air of superiority. In fact, some Christians give off such a wrong image of what it means to be a child of God.

Our text today speaks of believers being weak, tempted, having times of need, and stumbling. Such teaching contradicts the smooth speaking, smiling people we see on Christian TV programs. They do not speak of yielding to temptation, or stumbling in other ways. Everything has a positive spin on it.

The weary Christian is riddled with guilt and can easily be overcome by their real or apparent failures. Christian—listen to the Scriptures and take heart from what James wrote. All of us who love and

follow the Good Shepherd have times where we stumble. But we find the loving and perfect Redeemer coming alongside of us and lifting us from the place where we stumbled and placing us on high and safe ground.

Having died and risen again for His people our perfect Redeemer will not fall short of His goal of presenting us complete to His Father in heaven. We shall certainly occupy our place in our Father's house once our Saviour has prepared it for us. Marvel at the Perfect Redeemer's persistent love for you. It is a love that will never, never cease. Your perfect Redeemer will guide you safely home, not because you live a perfect life, but because He is faithful to the end.

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength
indeed is small,

Child of weakness,
watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."
Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace
to claim—
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood
of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

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