

God's Promises are Sure

The book of Genesis is full of God's promises. In chapter 12 He promised Abram that he would become a great nation, his name would be great and he would be both blessed himself and a blessing to others. In Genesis 15 God told Abram that, as aliens in a foreign land for 400 years, his descendants would suffer greatly.

By chapter 37, some of these promises had been fulfilled. Through the birth of Isaac to elderly parents, Abram's descendants had greatly increased in number. And it wouldn't be long before Israel would become aliens in Egypt. God had revealed to Joseph in dreams that his ten older brothers would one day bow down to him, and Joseph couldn't keep this revelation to himself. He had already received a beautiful coat from his father and the dreams made his brothers even more envious and bent on revenge. First they threw him into a pit. Then, seizing an opportunity to sell him to merchants headed for Egypt, his brother Judah unknowingly set God's plan in motion. How ironic that Judah would sell his brother, and Jesus, born into the tribe of Judah, would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver.

At first things did not go well for Joseph in Egypt, but eventually his God-given wisdom was recognized. There was famine throughout Egypt and nearby countries, but due to Joseph's foresight, Egypt had plenty of grain, which brought his brothers to Egypt to purchase the grain they so desperately needed. In Genesis 43:26 we find Joseph's brothers bowing before him, just as God had promised Joseph in his dreams.

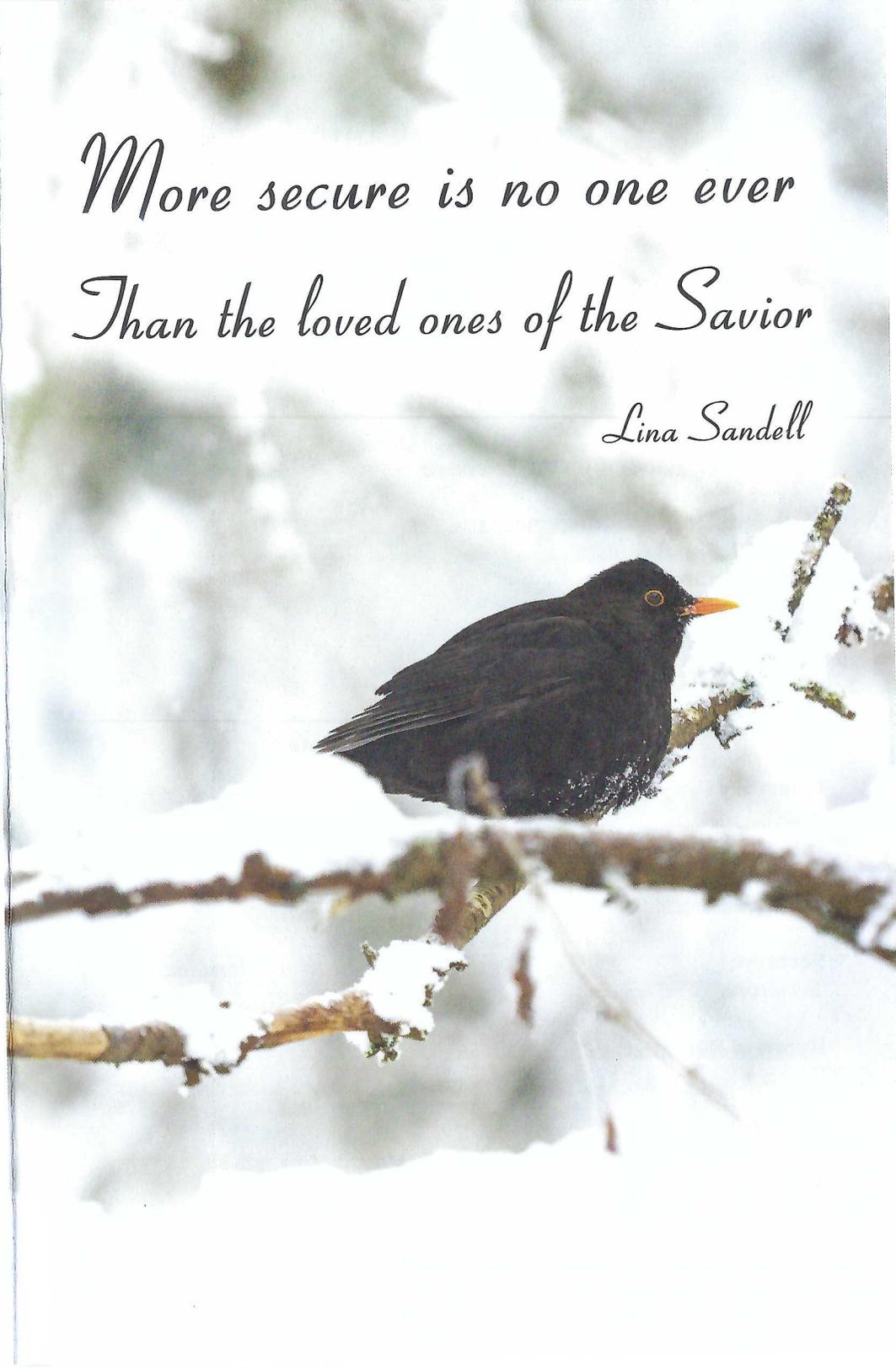
When we are "in a pit," as Joseph was, we don't know God's purpose for our suffering, but according to God's promise in Romans 8:28, we know that He means it for good. Joseph realized that himself when, in Genesis 50:20, he forgave his brothers for how they had treated him and proclaimed, "Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good . . . to save much people alive." Our best testimony is when we suffer and are not shaken. Christ is enough!

From a sermon by Ben Killerlain

*More secure is no one ever
Than the loved ones of the Savior*

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #410 Standing on the Promises

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song

Hymn # 507 Something Beautiful

Hymn #513 Thank You, Lord

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon:

Reverend Don Mauldin

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #

Shine, Shine, Shine!

Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry. They provide compassionate emergency care for those persons who cannot help themselves. They provide, through education and support, the kind of assistance that will encourage those who can be helped to end a cycle of poverty and despair. They specifically offer support with food, clothing, medical care, some financial support, and education.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make the Valentines' Banquet so amazing. A wonderful time was had by all.

LOVE

Love is an attitude, love is a prayer,
For a soul in sorrow, a heart in despair.
Love is good wishes for the gain of another,
Love suffers long with the fault of a brother.
Love giveth water to a cup that's run dry,
Love reaches low, as it can reach high.
Love seeks not her own at expense of another,
Love reaches God when it reaches our brother.