

“When I Fall, I Will Arise”

Micah 7:8-10

Introduction:

- A. Were Israel's words.
 - 1. Warns enemies not rejoice in her fall - would put them to shame.
 - 2. Would fall, but would not stay down.
- B. Can be our words.
 - 1. Great hope against death (cf. 2 Cor 5:1).
 - 2. Great resolution against sin.
- C. Three *expressions* worth emphasizing:

Discussion:

I. “Do Not Rejoice over Me, My Enemy”

- A. Christian's enemies.
 - 1. Satan and his crowd (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 11:14,15; Phil. 3:17-19).
 - 2. The world (Jas. 4:4).
 - 3. Death (1 Cor. 15:26)
 - 4. Those offended by truth. (Gal. 4:16)
- B. How often they must rejoice over our falling!

II. “When I Fall”

- A. Try not to fall into sin (1 John 2:1; Heb. 10:26).
 - 1. Warnings against it. (Prov. 4:14-17; Heb. 3:12; 1 Pet. 5:8; 1 Cor.10:12)
 - 2. Help against it.. (1 Cor. 10:13; Psal. 119:11; Matt. 6:13; 2 Pet. 1:10).
- B. Will fall into sin - not “if”, but “when” (cf. 1 John 1:8,10).
 - 1. Avoid over-confidence (1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 6:1; Matt 26:35).
 - 2. Greats of old: Noah (Gen. 9:20,21); Abraham (Gen. 20:1-5); Moses (Num. 20:7-11); David (2 Sam. 11:2-5); Peter (Matt 26).

III. “I Will Arise”

- A. To stop enemy's rejoicing.
 - 1. Must still rejoice over some: King Saul, Judas.
 - 2. Cannot rejoice over others: David (cf. Psal. 51:1-2); Peter.
- B. Not by own power, but God's. (Eph. 2:8,9).
- C. By hating sin, repenting and praying. (1 John 1:7-9; Heb. 4:15,16).

Conclusion:

- A. When you fall into sin — don't stay down — don't give up.
- B. When you fall into sin — get up while you can — can if you still want to.