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Transforming Daily
“...whom God has hedged in...”
Job 3:23

Hedges can be used in at least two ways. One way a hedge can be used is to keep something or someone within its parameters. The second way a hedge can be used is to keep something or someone out of its parameters. Both uses of a hedge are for protection. For instance, there are angels at the entrance of the Garden of Eden even now protecting man from his own undoing. There was a hedge that the donkey used to try to keep Balaam from trouble. Shepherds use a hedge of stones, bushes, or other natural formations to keep their sheep from wandering into harm, and from the predator's whiley entrance in to harm the sheep. Traditionally the shepherd lies in the doorway so that neither can pass through.

Job claims God has him hedged in. If so, it was for his protection. In this case, God was keeping Job and Satan from taking his life. When adversity comes into one's life it is hard to see things this way. That's why the believer has to try his or her best to establish a God-ward perspective before the adverse circumstances that trials and tribulation may bring. The time to prepare for the marathon is before the race not the day of. A God-ward perspective is one that knows and understands that God is sovereign and acts according to His good pleasure and consistent with His own character.

Most of the trouble that a believer has with the protective hedges of God is that they act as if they don't deserve to be limited behind, or act as if they deserve to be unlimited beyond, the parameters of God. Even Michael the Archangel didn't argue with Satan over the body of Moses, but remained behind the parameters of God's Son, Jesus Christ, the good Shepherd.

Do you feel the need for God's hedge of protection? Are you aware of its presence? Is your perspective of His use of the hedge of protection only to keep the evil one out? Do you act humbly as one whom god has hedged in?