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- A. Faith remembers that valleys always end, Psalm 57:1.
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 - 2. God is Lord over both mountains and valleys, fruitful and fruitless seasons, Psalm 1:3; Ecclesiastes 3:1.
 - 3. Mountain tops terminate valleys, Hebrews 12:2; Revelations 2:7; 3:21.
 - 4. Look up and out of the valley, Psalm 121:1; 2 Chronicles 20:12; Isaiah 49:23.
- B. Faith accepts God’s comforting companionship, Psalm 23:4.
 - 1. Common reaction to move from mountain to valley, Matthew 17:17; 27:46.
 - 2. Faith’s reaction to the move, Psalm 23:4; 91:15; Isaiah 63:9; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Hebrews 4:15.
 - 3. Let pain draw you close to the Comforter.
- C. Faith delivers us from fear of harm, Psalm 23:4.
 - 1. Valley experiences always hurt, but never harm, Proverbs 12:21; James 1:3; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 8:28.
 - 2. Valley experiences always improve us, 2 Corinthians 1:8-9; Hebrews 5:8.
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