

Deuteronomy 32:15-18

But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! Then he forsook God who made him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear. Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, And have forgotten the God who fathered you.

For some of you, things may be going pretty good right now. You have a good job, a great church, good friends, plenty of food, your bills are all caught up and you may even have a little money in the bank. But there are many who would like to be in your shoes right now, because they see that you are prospering.

But what about when things are not going all that great? Maybe you lost your job, or you moved and can't seem to find a good church. Maybe most of your friends have forsaken you, and it seems that there is very little food, if any to eat. Your bills are stacking up and maybe you even get notices in the mail because the checks you wrote are no good because of the lack of money.

Whether things are going good or bad; does your attitude change with each situation, or are you trusting in the Lord when things are going bad, just as when they are going good?

Two words of caution:

First, if things are going good, then make sure that you don't forget the Lord. ***You grew fat, you grew thick, you are obese! Then he forsook God who made him,***

And if things are not going good, then make sure you are not seeking after the world for answers or pleasure. ***They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.***

In all things and all situations your relationship with the Lord should not change!

† **Philippians 4:12-13** *I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*