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**When the Mighty Fall** by Triston Jacobsohn, Lander, WY, 2011

This week I received news of a Christian brother who sinned terribly and so was fired from his highly influential Christian ministry. This man was instrumental in my Bible school thesis – so the news came as quite a shock. This is not the first time it has happened to me, but it reminds me of where my allegiance should lie – with God.

In Isaiah 6 we read: “In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.” Some have suggested – and this is reasonable – that as a leader of his people, Uzziah’s death shook Israel; and in this uncertain time, Isaiah saw the Lord as a reminder that people rise and fall – but God remains King forever. This is where our hope should remain. This is where it is safe.

This old song teaches the same idea: “Neighbors are kind, I love them every one. We get along in sweet accord. But, when my soul needs manna from above, where could I go but to the Lord?” How true.

Even when we don’t understand God, where else can we go? Once when Jesus taught a very hard lesson, many followers left Him. He asked the 12 if they too would leave, and Peter said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

Once a person knows who Jesus is, where else is there to go? Great leaders and the kindest neighbors cannot satisfy like Him, because – as Peter said – only Jesus has the words of eternal life.

King Uzziah died. My mentor sinned and has fallen. God lets these things happen. Death comes because we are just human, and people sin because we are just human. All this again highlights where our hope should be: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Pray for church leaders. They are often Satan’s prime targets – and they are just human.