



NEVER FORSAKEN: PART 2

NEVER FORSAKEN IN OUR HOUR OF NEED

HEBREWS 13:5-6 / DEUTERONOMY 31:8

Does God Forsake His Own? No!

Psalm 22:1-2, 24

¹ My God, my God, **why have you forsaken me?** Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? ² My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.

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²⁴ For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; **he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**

Jesus had confidence that God would be faithful, even when it appeared he had been forsaken.

When We Need Courage for Our Calling

Deuteronomy 31:8 – Moses to Israel and Joshua

⁶ “Be strong and courageous. **Do not be afraid** or terrified because of them [the nations before you], for the Lord your God goes with you; **he will never leave you nor forsake you.**” ⁷ Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. ⁸ **The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.**”

We have confidence God will faithfully meet our needs as we pursue his purpose and promise.

When We Need Integrity for Life

Hebrews 13:5-6 – To Jewish Christian Converts

⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because **God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”** ⁶ So we say with **confidence**, “The Lord is my helper; **I will not be afraid.** What can mere mortals do to me?”

We are confident that God will faithfully guide choices, transform behavior, and build character.

When We Need Contentment in Tough Situations

Philippians 4:12-13, 19 – The Apostle Paul

¹² **I know what it is to be in need**, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ **I can do all this through him who gives me strength.** - - - ¹⁹ **And my God will meet all your needs** according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

We have confidence that God will provide for us and give us contentment in every situation.

When We Need Deliverance from Persecution

Psalm 9:10,13-14,18 – A Psalm of David

¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you, for **you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

¹³ Lord, **see how my enemies persecute me!** Have mercy and lift me up from the gates of death, ¹⁴ that I may declare your praises... ¹⁸ ...**God will never forget the needy;** the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

We can have confidence that God will ultimately deliver us and vindicate our trust in him.