



## Why God Hides His Face

*“Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.” Psalm 27:9 (KJV)*

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Have you ever felt like God has hidden His face from you or from your family, or your church, or from this nation? From my study of the Bible, the only time that God hid His face from His people was when there was ongoing sin. I am not talking about when we fall in sin, repent, and then get our life right with God. From what I see in God’s Word, it was when people or a nation were in ongoing rebellion and sin against the Lord.

Beloved, our Lord is a gracious and merciful Lord. However, He is also a holy God, and sin separates us from God. Deuteronomy 31:18 (KJV) reads, *“And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.”* Whenever we play around with sin and look to the ways of the flesh and this world, loving them and looking to them to meet our needs and satisfy our soul, our sin separates us from God. He hides His face from us!

Isaiah 1:15-17 (KJV) reads, *“And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.”* In this scripture God tells us why He turns from us and how we can change that. Like many countries America is flooded with the innocent blood of aborted babies. Those who

committed murder through aborting their baby; those who performed the abortion; those who encouraged or paid for it; those who voted for it; and those who kept silent—all have blood on their hands.

Isaiah 1:18 (KJV) reads, *“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”* God wants to have a close relationship with us. Sin separates us from God, but in His love and mercy, He forgives and cleanses us if we turn from our sin and repent.

I have experienced God’s love, His mercy, His forgiveness, His cleansing, and HIS AMAZING GRACE. You see, my hands were once covered with blood—the blood of my baby that I murdered through abortion two years before I met my husband. I lived with the guilt, shame, and horror of my sin for years, but when I gave my life to Jesus Christ and repented of my sin, Jesus cleansed my bloodstained hands with His blood and His forgiveness!

If you have blood on your hands, I encourage you to repent and accept God’s forgiveness. I not only repented of my sin, but also I am now very active in pro-life activities in this country and in other countries. God in His mercy has used me to save the lives of several babies.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ*  
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