



God Will Never Forsake Me

“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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Over the last two lessons I referred to scriptures where God hid His face from His people. I taught from God’s Word that whenever we *continue* in sin and rebellion against God and *refuse* to repent and change our ways, God hides His face from us. However, I praise God for the assurance from His Word that no true child of God need fear that God will leave him or forsake him. In verse 9 David is pleading with God not to hide His face from him or to leave or forsake him. David loved his Lord. He knew and was used to a close, intimate relationship with Him. He knew he could not survive without that closeness.

Beloved, this is my heart also. From the time I repented of my sins in March 1976, I have built an intimate relationship with my Lord. I have no life apart from Him! I have often been comforted by Joshua 1:5 (KJV) which reads, *“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”* Many times over the years when the Lord was taking me into new areas of ministry, and I saw the spiritual battles ahead, He would encourage me with that scripture, reassuring me He would be with me. He would not fail me nor forsake me.

Isaiah 41:17 (KJV) reads, *“When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.”* As a new believer with my life and marriage in ruins, I was poor and needy. I was

spiritually and emotionally dry and thirsty. Marriage and materialism have not satisfied that thirsting of my soul. Praise God, He heard my cry for help. He led me to a close relationship with Jesus, my Living Water. He did not forsake me.

Isaiah 42:16 (KJV) reads, *“And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.”* Beloved, I was spiritually blind when I put my trust in Christ as my Savior. I desperately needed help for myself and my marriage. GOD’S AMAZING GRACE reached out to me. Through His Word He led me in new paths of thinking and living and how to love, serve, and submit to my husband. He removed the darkness of bitterness and unforgiveness, and He flooded my heart and soul with His marvelous light. The Lord restored my marriage. I am so grateful He did not forsake me or allow me to forsake my husband.

Beloved believer, be encouraged. Do not give up. Do not doubt God. He is in control of your life. He has not forsaken you, and He never will! Trust Him. He is with you.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ
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