

"For when you Feel Forsaken" (Isa.49:13-16)

Every follower of Christ will sooner or later experience circumstances that will make you feel forsaken and forgotten by God. How you respond to these feelings can either make you or break you. But most importantly knowing and experiencing God's response to our despondency and despair is the only answer that really matters.

Background: Isaiah 49 verses 1-13 is a sweeping comprehensive panoramic statement of the Salvation God is going to bring. There is a salvation coming soon for the Jews exiled in Babylon (vv5, 8), and then eventually in the coming of Christ (vv6, 12), and then ultimately in the New Heavens and New Earth (v13).

A Painful Complaint: v14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me."

- A faith unchallenged by doubt is a naïve faith. James 1:2-4
- A naïve faith will be defenseless against tragedy and smart skeptics. Jude 3 "Contend for the Faith"
- You can have strong faith and still have doubts. John 3:16; John 1:29-34; Luke 7:18-19, 28
- Doubt is somewhere in between faith and unbelief. John 3:19; Ps.42:5; 77:7-9
- Faith is bringing your questions, doubts, and fears to God. Heb.3:12-13, 10:23-25; Psalms 10:1, 13:1-2

God's Compassionate Answer: v15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

- Why do we Doubt?
 - ✓ Unresolved Past Hurts. Eph4:26-27; Heb12:15
 - ✓ Unrealistic Expectations. 1Pet.4:12-13; Ps.73; Luke 7:18-19
 - ✓ Unwillingness to Give up Control. Heb.11:32-39; John 21:18-22

- It's not the size of your faith but the object of your faith that matters most. Heb.12:2
- The more you get to know the object of your faith the more your faith will grow. Ps.9:9-10
- God doesn't lecture us but loves us by tenderly giving Himself to Us. v15
- God is wanting to drive the truth in our head of who He is down into our heart until it begins to change us. 2Cor.5:7; Heb.11:1

God's Comforting Cure: v16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

- What convinces you that someone really loves you is not just talk but action. 1John 3:18
- On the cross Jesus was forsaken so that we would never be forsaken. Matt.27:46; Rom.8:15
- It is the final argument and answer that will ultimately heal all sin and suffering. Rom.8:31-32; Ps.27:10

Growing Notes

- 1) Every follower of Christ will sooner or later experience circumstances that will make them feel forsaken and forgotten by God. Why is this true and when have you ever felt this way? Why do you think that our response to these feelings can either make us or break us?
- 2) Read Isaiah 43:13-16 and the background of this text from sermon intro. What is the Painful Complaint in v14? Review the points under this complaint along with cross-references. How does this help you to better understand doubt?
- 3) What is God's Compassionate Answer in v15? Review the points under this answer along with cross-references. Why do we doubt? How does this reveal the Father heart of God for you?
- 4) What is God's Comforting Cure in v16? Review the points under this cure along with cross-references. On the cross Jesus was forsaken so that we would never be forsaken. Explain. How is the cross of Christ the ultimate cure for all sin and suffering (Rom.8:31-32)? Pray.

db events

> **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE:** Thank you for donating your change to Choices Pregnancy Center. You are still able to turn in your bottles at the info table.

> **ANOMALY:** Join us during the second service for a Mother's Day Celebration.

> **FAITH-FAMILY-FREEDOM:** May 9 @ 6pm (2nd Monday of each month) Register at dbcc.com

> **PHX DREAM CENTER:** Human Trafficking Awareness. Sat. May 14 @ 2pm

> **BIBLICAL CITIZENSHIP:** Begins May 19 @ 6:30 Register at dbcc.com

> **DB WOMEN:** Game Night coming up Friday, May 20 @ 7pm BINGO in the Youth Room. Bring a snack to share and bring a Friend.

> **MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday May 21 @ 9am. \$10 per person. Register at dbcc.com Don Irwin will be giving his testimony

> **SUNDAES ON SATURDAY:** Join us for Ice Cream Sundaes on Saturday May 28 4:30-6pm

Weekly Happenings at DBCC

> **FOOD PANTRY:** 11:30am, Thursdays in the Community Hall.

> **GRIEFSHARE:** Thursdays 7pm in the Family Room.

> **PRAYER NIGHT:** 6pm Sunday Evenings in the Central Lobby

> **CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** Fridays, 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

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Church office hours: Mon-Thurs 9a - 3p 602-374-4588

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The Bible is filled with God's Amazing Promises. These promises of God are guaranteed because God is faithful, and therefore recipients can have full assurance that what God has pledged will happen. The only problem is that you can't stand on God's promises if you don't know what they are, but when you do it changes everything!

God's Amazing Promises...

May 14/15

For when you Fear Failure

May 21/22

For when you are Generous

Thank You for the consistent and faithful giving of our church family.

Budget Results for April 30 & May 1

General Giving

Budget \$25,000 - Actual \$25,692

DYTM: \$2441

God's Amazing Promises

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