

## **Will God Abandon You ?**

Is God with you only in the good times---and down on you when you stumble? Will God ever abandon any of his begotten children?

Once you have counted the cost and made your commitment to God through repentance and water baptism, are you then left on your own to sink or swim? Do you just have to stand-by and be picked out of a crowd to enter God's kingdom? Or has God pre-programmed events that are virtually assured you will enter his family? He prepared his plan so as to guarantee success if you will follow his instructions.

The apostle Paul reassured the Philippian brethren of God's faithfulness: "being confident of this very thing, that he who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil.1:6). Continue with the same thought in Paul's letter to the Corinthian brethren, he told them that they came "short in no gift," eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor.1:7-8). These two scriptures confirm that both the Father and the Son are totally and irrevocably committed to see each and every begotten son and daughter through to the finish. They have no plans to abandon us.

### **Is God a Fair-weather Friend?**

But does God guarantee His Kingdom only to those who have made less serious mistakes, or has God committed himself to help us through the hard times when we have sinned seriously and the door to God's grace appears forever closed?

We can take note of some of the examples of King David's life, how he allowed himself to go a lot of places that God never would have led him. The adultery with Bathsheba, committed murder, numbered the people against God's command, and he shed a lot of human blood in battle. But God Almighty never abandoned him even in his worst predicaments. After sinning, David cried out, for I said in my haste, 'I am cut off from before your eyes' nevertheless you heard the voice of my supplication" (Psalm 31:22).

### **No Respector of Person**

Is God a respector of persons? (I Peter 1:17) Is he any different with any one of his begotten children that the other?

God has a desire to the work of his hands. He will finish the work he has begun in us. He cannot lie! The road ahead may be a rough one, trials may be enormous at various times, but God will not abandon you, he will lead you into his Eternal Kingdom. "But the God of grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen settle you .To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen (I Pet. 5:10).

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