

If God Be For Us

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What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. **Rom. 8:31-34**

- I. What shall we then say to these things?
 - A. All that we have just read of God's purposes and promises about his redeemed.
 - B. He has adopted us as his children.
 - C. He has given us his Holy Spirit to live within us.
 - D. He had a purpose and a plan for us before He ever made the world.
 - E. All these things and much more prove that God is for us and not against us.

- II. If God be for us ...
 - A. This is the great difference between being lost and being saved.
 - B. It is a settled matter; it is never called in question anymore – God is FOR me.
 1. God is not on trial in my life, and my faith in God is not operating on a moment by moment basis according to changing circumstances.
 - C. God is for the lost, as far as working toward their salvation.
 1. But God is against them in their sin and self-will and selfishness.
 2. Whatever confidence they might have that God is helping or blessing them in their goals and ambitions that are taking them farther from God is false confidence and self-deceit.
 3. When they are honest with themselves in their heart they have no confidence or assurance that God will help them or that He is helping them now.
 - D. But for the true child of God there is peace and rest and confidence that God is “on my side.”
 1. As long as I have the mind of Christ and walk in the commandments of the Lord He will stand with me.
 2. Since I am not resisting God any longer, He is not resisting me, but helping me.
 3. God is FOR me as I struggle against the opposition and swim against the current in this world.
 - E. God DOES choose sides – and He is on OUR side, if we are his redeemed children and He is AGAINST those who refuse him and cling to their sin and selfishness.
 1. He WILL avenge those who do us wrong.
 2. He WILL vindicate, in time, his chosen ones who are falsely accused and abused in this world. (That is part of what “glorifying” them is about)
 3. He WILL intervene and work in our lives to make us into what He wants us to be.

- III. Who can be against us?

- A. Name one ...that has a chance of prevailing against us, in the long run, if God is for us.
 - 1. No matter their place of power, authority, or riches in this world.
 - B. By fighting against us, they are fighting against God himself.
 - C. They can BE against us, but they cannot prevail against us in the long run; in the whole picture.
- IV. He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- A. If God spared not his own Son for our sakes, then He will spare no other thing that works for our good.
 - B. God is FOR us, and all that He has is at his disposal for us.
 - 1. He will gladly and willing give us whatever He deems best for us.
 - C. God is not limited in what He can do for us or give to us, except by our own unbelief and selfishness.
- V. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- A. How can men lay anything to the charge of those whom God himself has justified?
 - B. How can men condemn us when God has justified us and Christ is interceding for us?
 - C. God is on OUR side – God is FOR us.
 - D. This means that God is against those who would accuse and condemn the righteous.
 - E. God will not agree with those who accuse us and condemn us.

The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD *is* the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. **Psa. 27:1 through Psa. 27:4**

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me. **Psa. 56:4**

- VI. This should cheer our hearts when things are bad – to know that God is for us.

And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee. **Jer. 1:19**

- A. Are you for God?

