

The Biblical Basis for Contentment

Hebrews 13:5

I. What It Would Mean to Be Forsaken By God.

- A. It would mean complete loneliness

- B. It would mean complete helplessness.

- C. It would mean complete friendlessness.

- D. It would mean complete hopelessness.

II. The Language of His Promise

- A. This is a very strong promise.

- B. How to understand this language.

The Amplified Bible: “I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. (I will) not, (I will) not, (I will) not in any degree leave you helpless, nor forsake, nor let (you) down, (relax My hold on you) – assuredly not!”

- C. The words “leave” and “forsake” are different words.

- D. What does all this mean?

III. The Fivefold Context of This Promise

- A. Gen. 28:15
- B. Deut. 31:6
- C. Joshua 1:5
- D. I Chron. 28:20
- E. Is. 41:17

IV. Some Bible Reasons For This Promise

- A. God cannot leave His people because of His relationship to them.
- B. God cannot leave His people because of His Honor
- C. All the past saints testify that God cannot forsake His own.
- D. There is no reason why He should cast us off.

V. How This Promise Should Affect Us

- A. We should be content
- B. We should have courage
- C. We should have joy and rejoicing in God's faithfulness
- D. We should trust in and rest upon the Lord