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(Hebrews 13:5)

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Topics.

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 - If you forsake him, he will forsake you.
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INTRODUCTION

Amongst the global body of Christ, the words, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" are often used to encourage struggling brothers and sisters in Christ that Jesus will never leave them. But some religious teachers point out the truth that there is no account in the Scriptures of Jesus Christ ever making the statement "I will never leave you nor forsake you" it is God the Father who spoke it so they say that it is wrong to use these words of God and apply them to Jesus. It is true that it was God the Father who made this statement as the following study will show, but does that mean that it is wrong to apply the same words to Jesus? Before answering this question let's start at the beginning.

I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU

- **Hebrews 13:5:** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He (God the Father) Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

The following verses show that God the Father said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you," many times in the Old Testament.

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- Be of good courage the LORD will not leave you nor forsake you. (Deut. 31:6).
- The LORD, goes before you He will not leave you nor forsake you. (Deut. 31:8).
- I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. (Josh. 1:5-6).
- I (the LORD) will not forsake My people Israel. (1 Kings 6:13).
- The poor seek water, I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them (Isaiah. 41:17).
- I (the LORD) will bring the blind by the way and not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16).

Added to these verses the writers of Scripture tell us:

- The LORD your God is a merciful God, He will not forsake you. (Deut. 4:31).
- The LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake. (1 Sam. 12:22).
- May the LORD our God be with us, May He not leave us nor forsake us. (1 Kings 8:57).
- David said to Solomon, my God will not leave you nor forsake you. (1 Chron. 28:20).
- The LORD will not cast off His people, Nor forsake His inheritance. (Psalm 94:14).

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- **2 Chronicles 15:2:** Azariah went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him He will forsake you (2 Chron. 15:2).

The only reason God will forsake his people is if they consciously and deliberately choose to forsake Him. God will never forsake those who are faithful, nor will He ever forsake those who have a heart toward Him and desire to live a life that honours Him. Since we have all inherited sinful

dysfunctions and aberrations from our earthly father Adam that limit us all from attaining to the perfect demands of the law and the Holiness of God will not leave the faithful simply because they cannot overcome every form of sin they struggle with in fact in many cases the glory before God is often in the struggle. Paul wrote:

- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:35-39).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the only thing that will separate us from the love of God and our salvation in Christ is our own conscious and deliberate ongoing rejection of the Lord. Jesus never surrendered his life to a brutal, bloody and cruel death so that we could attain to the perfect demands of the law and God's perfect Holiness, but because we couldn't.

NOTE: perhaps it should be mentioned that rejecting Christ does not mean leaving a church. Leaving a church can sometimes be the most spiritually healthy and faith building thing a man or woman honestly seeking God can do.

CONCLUSION

Though it was God the Father who spoke the words, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" it is not wrong to apply the same principal to Jesus especially since he said:

- All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out (John 6:37).

Not only will Jesus never forsake anyone who is abiding in him through faith and love, but he is also always ready to receive those who come to him.