

Title: Never Forsaken or Begging Bread

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**Psalm 37: 25: I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.**

David was used of the Spirit to write this Psalm when he was old--"*I have been young and now am old...*" We do well to take heed to the word of God's old saints. The Lord had taught David the truth of this Psalm, and of this verse, by experience.

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**Proposition:** This verse speaks of far more than physical bread--it speaks of the true Bread, the hidden Manna, Christ our Life.

Scripture shows us times when God's saints were in dire straits concerning physical bread. God shall provide us physical bread. But more needful than physical bread for our bodies, those born of God, need Christ the Bread.

## CHRIST IS THE BREAD

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John 6: 32:...my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33: For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world....35:...I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst....

The true Bread of God is Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who came down from heaven who giveth life unto his people scattered throughout the world. In Adam, we sinned and are born dead in sins. Sin is death; Righteousness is Life. Christ is the Righteousness, the Life, within every sinner born again of the Spirit of God.

Romans 8: 10: If Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

Christ is the Life in his people because Christ is the Righteousness of his people. God declares in the law, "It must be perfect to be accepted" of God (Lev 22: 21). Holy God requires perfect righteousness from a perfectly holy heart. Not one sinner can work that work of God! But in perfect obedience Christ submitted to God, who made him sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor 5:21). God made his Son sin for chosen sinners. God poured out justice on his Son instead of those chosen sinners. Christ satisfied justice forever for those chosen sinners. Christ made those chosen sinners the righteousness of God in him. Men asked the Lord Jesus "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" He said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (Jn 6: 28-29). But we are so dead in sin that the only way we will believe on him is by Christ the Bread giving us spiritual life and faith in him.

John 6: 41: The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven....43: Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves. 44: No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day...51: I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh....52: The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? 53: Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you...56: He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. 57: As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me...60: [They said]...This is an hard saying; who can hear it? 61: [The Lord knew they murmured, he said]...Doth this offend you?...63: It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64: But there are some of you that believe not....65:...Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66: From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Can you leave him? Can you do without his words, his gospel? Those in whom he is life cannot! And he promises we shall never hunger and never thirst. Christ is the Bread David speaks of. Those given Life by Christ shall never be forsaken by him nor be found begging for Christ the Bread.

## CHRIST MADE US RIGHTEOUS

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Notice David said that he had never seen "the righteous" forsaken. We shall never be forsaken because Christ made his people the righteous. The righteous are God's seed, God's elect, who are made the righteousness of God in Christ and given faith in Christ.

In eternity, God blessed his seed with all spiritual blessings according as he chose us in Christ. Christ has been Surety of his people from eternity. God did not forsake us when we fell in Adam because Christ has been the Righteousness of his people from before the world was made. God in Christ settled judgment for his people on the cross. Therefore, God will not forsake those Christ has made righteous in him.

Psalm 37: 28: For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

"The seed of the wicked" are the children of the devil, the seed of the wicked one--"the seed of the wicked shall be cut off." Notice what the wicked do.

Psalm 37: 12: The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth....32: The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him. 33: The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Brethren, this is the Psalm from which the Lord Jesus declared the third beatitude--"Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." Read verses 9-11, 18-19 of this psalm.

Psalm 37: 9: For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. 10: For yet a little while, and the wicked *shall not be*: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it *shall not be*. 11: But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace....18: The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. 19: They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

When the Spirit of God makes us know and believe that Christ is our Righteousness, he makes us know we are "joint-heirs with Christ" (Rom 8: 17). That "all things are yours" (1 Cor 3: 21). This is how we know that Christ shall never leave us nor forsake us. In the days of famine we shall be satisfied. We shall never hunger or thirst for Christ the Living Bread. This creates meekness in us. What is meekness? Meekness is submitting to Christ, trusting Christ to save us every day, waiting on Christ to save us every day, rather than fearing man and trying to save ourselves.

Hebrews 13: 5: *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* 6: So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

By Christ being the righteousness of his seed, the Lord's covenant promise to us is the same as it was to Joshua.

Joshua 1: 5: There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

It was knowing this that made Moses the meekest man in the earth. When opposed, Moses hit his face before God and trusted the Lord our Righteousness to save him and his brethren. That is meekness.

Being righteous in Christ does not mean we are without sin in ourselves. We do fall. We do sin. But believing these sure promises of our Lord Jesus, we have God's promise that we are more than conquerors through Christ that loved us (Rom 8: 37).

Psalm 37: 23: The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. 24: Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth *him with* his hand.

The word "good" is added. The word translated "the steps of a man" mean "the steps of a conqueror." It is not that we are conquerors in ourselves. God has shown us our total weakness. But Romans 8 declares we are more than conquerors through Christ that loved us. That is what these words declare, "*The steps of the [believer, the man made to be more than a conqueror through Christ that loved us] are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*" Due to our sin-nature, we fall. But we shall not fall away because Christ upholds us with his hand--"*Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.*"

Nor will the LORD forsake and leave his child in the hand of the devil and his seed who condemn us. Nor will God condemn us. It is because you who are given faith in our Redeemer are "the righteous" by the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8: 1: *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

We see this illustrated when the children of Israel sinned greatly against the Lord by rejecting Samuel and asking for a king. God chastened his elect among them and brought them to ask Samuel to intercede with God on their behalf. God chastens us and brings us to ask Christ to intercede for us. Listen to what they said and what Samuel said to them.

1 Samuel 12: 19: And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. 20: And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart; 21: And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain. 22: For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

Though God's saints fall, God will not permit us to fall away. God shall not condemn us nor leave us in the hand of those who judge us. He uphold us with the right hand of his righteousness because Christ is our Righteousness. Therefore, our heavenly Father chastens us and turns us again to Christ our Intercessor and renews this promise in our hearts. He makes us know he promises to never leave us nor forsake us. It is not due to anything in us but is due to God's good pleasure. This promise is sure for God's great name's sake. This promise is due to God's free and sovereign electing grace by which he made us his people. This promise is sure due to Christ our Righteousness

## **NOR HAVE I SEEN HIS SEED BEGGING BREAD**

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When we sin, and the wicked condemn us, it is "the evil time", the "days of famine". But here is God's promise.

Psalm 37: 18: The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. 19: They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

In the evil time, in the days of famine, God feeds us with Christ the living Bread, giving us rest in Christ our Righteousness, our Life! Therefore, in all our trouble and distress by Christ our Life feeding our inward man, we have God's "yet not" and God's "but not." See them in the following verses.

2 Corinthians 4: 8: *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10: Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

The Bread which God's saints shall never be without is Christ our Life, the true Bread from heaven. The life of the Lord Jesus is the Life of our new man. He is the Bread that feeds us and sustains us continually. The Bread with which he fills us and sustains us are the comforts of the gospel. The gospel of our successful Redeemer is the Bread we shall never be without.

Psalm 94: 12: Blessed *is* the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law; 13: That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. 14: For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. 15: But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. 16: Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? 17: Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence. 18: When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up. [he is the hidden Bread which God ceases not to give his saints] 19: In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul. 21: [The wicked] gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. 22: But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge.

God commands his preacher to comfort his people. The Lord comforts us with the Bread for our souls. The good news that our warfare is accomplished is the bread. The Bread of the gospel is that God has rewarded us double for all our sins and made us eternally righteous in his Son. Do not sin. God's saints do not sin with a high hand. But when the wicked condemn you who are righteous and innocent in Christ, the Lord is our defense and our God the rock of our refuge! Christ said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." The same is now true of us, brethren. God has given his saints a hunger and thirst for Christ our Righteousness, our living Bread. So God fills us with the living Bread.

Matthew 5:6: Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Luke 1: 53: He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. 54: He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; 55: As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

It is of God's mercies that we are not consumed.

Psalm 37: 26: [God *is*] ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed *is* blessed.

Lamentations 3: 22: *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23: *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness. 24: The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. 25: The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him. 26: *It is* good that *a man* should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

This is our Lord's word to us and his promise.

Psalm 37: 27: Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. 28: For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. 29: The righteous shall inherit the

land, and dwell therein for ever. 30: The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.  
31: The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

**Amen!**