**GOD FORBID GOD FORSAKES US**

**Psalms 78:54-60**

[**54**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-54/)**And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, *even to* this mountain, *which* his right hand had purchased.** [**55**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-55/)**He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.** [**56**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-56/)**Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:**

[**57**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-57/)**But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers: they were turned aside like a deceitful bow.** [**58**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-58/)**For they provoked him to anger with their high places, and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.** [**59**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-59/)**When God heard *this*, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:**

[**60**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-78-60/)**So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent *which* he placed among men;**

**INTRO: The People And The Place That God Forsook**

**1. The People**

**A. People Who Were Given To Insubordination - Forsaken**

 **1. The Command of Almighty**

**Psalms 78:1 Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

 **2. Their Course of Action**

**Psalms 78:10 They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in his law;**

**Psalms 78:56 Yet they tempted and provoked the most high God, and kept not his testimonies:**

**Psalms 78:58 For they provoked him to anger . . . and moved him to jealousy with their graven images.**

**\*\*The Commands of Almighty are still delivered, and the Courses of Action are still disgraceful in this day.**

**B. People Who Were Given To Idolatry - Forsaken**

**Psalms 78:58-59 . . . moved him to jealousy with their graven images. 59 When God heard this, he was wroth, and greatly abhorred Israel:**

**\*\*Folks today are still idolizing Pleasures, Positions, People, and Possessions. Only a few idolize God!**

**C. People Who Were Given To Iniquity - Forsaken**

**Psalms 78:17 And they sinned yet more against him by provoking the most High in the wilderness.**

**Psalms 78:19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?**

**Psalms 78:30 They were not estranged from their lust.**

**Psalms 78:32 For all this they sinned still, and believed not for his wondrous works.**

**Psalms 78:36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues.**

**Psalms 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.**

**2. The Place**

**Psalms 78:60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men;**

**A. He Forsook The Tabernacle - The Place Of Washing**

**Exodus 30:20-21  20When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: 21So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them . . .**

**\*\*The Church is still a place to get washed!!**

**\*\*Without God there’s no washing sins away in the church.**

**B. He Forsook The Tabernacle - The Place Of Witness**

**Acts 7:44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.**

**\*\*Without God we have not one testimony to share!**

**C. He Forsook The Tabernacle - The Place Of Worship**

**Psalms 132:7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.**

**\*\*Without God we have nothing to worship!**

**\*\*There are some devastating things we could lose in life as Christians and as a Church as a whole; however, if God forsook us and He chose to leave us, we would have nothing and be nothing!**

**\*\*God Forbid God Forsake Us!**

**\*\*Now let’s look at what happens if God forsakes us and leaves us.**

**I. If God Forsakes Us, The Church Will Be Ruined**

 **A. Without His Presence, The Church Can’t Reach The Sinner!**

**John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.**

 **1. Without the Lord’s Presence, there’s no Conviction**

 **2. Without the Lord’s Presence, there’s no Conversions**

 **a. Families Die and Go to Hell**

 **b. Friends Die and Go to Hell**

 **B. Without His Power, The Church Can’t Resist The Serpent!**

**Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

**1. It’s only by God’s Power we overcome the Devil**

**2. It’s only by God’s Power we overcome the Darkness**

**3. It’s only by God’s Power we overcome the Diseases**

**4. It’s only by God’s Power we overcome the Depression**

**5. It’s only by God’s Power we overcome the Death**

 **C. Without His Participation, The Church Can’t Realize The Spirit**

**II Corinthians 1:21-22 21**[**Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-21/) **22**[**Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-1-22/)

 **1. Where the Spirit is there is Love**

 **2. Where the Spirit is there is Liberty**

**II Corinthians 3:17 17**[**Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/2-Corinthians-3-17/)

**\*\*God Forbid God Forsake Us or the Church is Ruined**

**II. If God Forsakes Us, The Christian Will Be Regretful**

**A. Without His Defense, The Christian Cannot Survive!**

**I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

 **1. We can only overcome Storms because of God**

 **2. We can only overcome Sickness because of God**

 **3. We can only overcome Sin because of God**

 **4. We can only overcome Satan because of God**

**Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?**

**\*\*On the flip side of that, if God is not for us, then who will be for us? NOBODY!**

**B. Without His Direction, The Christian Cannot Succeed!**

**I Kings 2:3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.**

 **1. I need directions in my words to be successful.**

 **a. Knowing when to be Speaking makes you a success.**

 **b. Knowing what to be Speaking makes you a success.**

 **c. Knowing when to be Silent makes you a success.**

 **2. I need directions in my walk to be successful.**

 **3. I need directions in my ways to be successful.**

 **4. I need directions in my writings to be successful.**

 **\*\*Too many are texting and tweeting vain babblings!**

 **5. I need directions in my witness to be successful.**

**\*\*God Forbid God Forsake Us or the Christian will be Regretful.**

**III. If God Forsakes Us, The Candlestick Will Be Removed**

**A. Rebuke Will Precede The Removal Of The Candlestick.**

**The Revelation 2:2-4 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**

 **1. This Church Worked**

**V-2 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience,**

**V-3 and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.**

 **2. This Church Watched**

**V-2b and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:**

 **3. This Church Withdrew**

**4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.**

 **a. They left the Love for the Savior**

 **b. They left the Love for the Spirit**

 **c. They left the Love for the Service**

**\*\*We’ve missed the mark and will be rebuked by the Lord when we love going to church more for the Work or for the Watch instead of for the Worship!**

**B. Repentance Will Prevent The Removal Of The Candlestick.**

**The Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.**

**\*\*The Candlestick represents the Savior, the Spirit, and the Salvation.**

 **1. We must Repent so we do not lose the Glow of the Candlestick**

 **a. I need the Brightness of the Candlestick**

 **b. I need the Blaze of the Candlestick**

 **c. I need the Blessings of the Candlestick**

 **2. We must Repent so we do not lose the Gratification of the Candlestick**

 **a. I cannot be satisfied without the Fire of the Candlestick.**

 **b. I cannot be satisfied without the Flame of the Candlestick.**

 **3. We must Repent so we do not lose the Grace of the Candlestick.**

 **a. The Candlestick is provided when there’s Forgiveness!**

 **b. The Candlestick is provided when there’s Faith!**

 **c. The Candlestick is provided when there’s Favor!**

**\*\*God Forbid God Forsake Us and the Candlestick gets Removed**

**CLOSE**

**God Forbid God Forsake Us!**

**\*\*If God were to forsake us, it would be our own fault!**

**\*\*Where is the next generation of church members for this church?**

 **a. The next generation of church members have forsaken their Christ.**

 **b. The next generation of church members have forsaken their Conversion.**

 **c. The next generation of church members have forsaken their Convictions.**

 **d. The next generation of church members have forsaken their Church.**

**\*\*You see God’s Children forsook Him which forced Him to forsake them and the Tabernacle.**

**\*\*What does the future hold for this church?**

**\*\*It all depends on what the next generation will do.**

**\*\*If the young people and the middle age people of this church forsakes their Christ, their Conversion, their Convictions, and their Church, then God will forsake this tabernacle – this church!**

**\*\*I don’t want to see the Church Ruined, the Christians Regretful, nor the Candlestick Removed!**

**\*\*So what can we do to prevent this from happening?**

**\*\*All you can do is earnestly repent and earnestly pray for the church!**

**\*\*We should pray that God raise up a generation of people who will love the Savior, the Spirit, the Salvation, and the Sanctuary and will stay with God so that God will not forsake our people or our place!**

**\*\*God Forbid God Forsake Us!**