

Verses about Abandonment

Old Testament: part one

Genesis 28:15 *I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.* ”

Leviticus 26:11-12 *I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.*

Deuteronomy 31:6 *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.* ”

- **31:8** *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.* ”

Joshua 1:5 *No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

- **1:9** *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.* ”

1 Samuel 12:22 *For the sake of his great name the Lord will not reject his people, because the Lord was pleased to make you his own.*

2 Samuel 22:17-18 *“He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.”*

- **22:20** *He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.*

Isaiah 40:31 *but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

- **41:10** *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*
- **41:13** *For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*
- **43:2** *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*
- **49:15-16** *“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me.*
- **54:10** *Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*
- **61:7** *Instead of your shame you will receive a double portion, and instead of disgrace you will rejoice in your inheritance. And so you will inherit a double portion in your land, and everlasting joy will be yours.*

Psalms 22:1 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?*

- **9:10** *Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.*
- **18:19** *He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.*
- **23:4** *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*
- **27:10** *Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.*
- **34:18** *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*
- **37:28** *For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed, the offspring of the wicked will perish.*
- **68:5-6** *A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.*
- **70:5** *But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.*
- **71:11-12** *They say, “God has forsaken him; pursue him and seize him, for no one will rescue him.” Do not be far from me, my God; come quickly, God, to help me.*
- **73:26** *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*
- **91:14-16** *“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”*
- **94:14** *For the Lord will not reject his people he will never forsake his inheritance.*
- **138:3** *When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.*
- **142:4-5** *Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life. I cry to you, Lord; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”*
- **143:7-8** *Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit. Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.*

Verses about Abandonment

Old Testament: part two

1 Kings 8:57 *May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us.*

2 Chronicles 15:2 *He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you."*

Jeremiah 29:11 *For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

- **29:14** *I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."*

Hosea 6:1 *"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds."*

Joel 2:25 *"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten— the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm —my great army that I sent among you."*

Nehemiah 9:31 *But in your great mercy you did not put an end to them or abandon them, for you are a gracious and merciful God.*

Habakkuk 3:19 *The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.*

Zephaniah 3:17 *The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."*

Zechariah 9:12 *Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.*

Many of these verses talk of not only the trials the authors and nations faced at that time, but their steadfast faith that God would not only rescue, but fight for them when they had been left to die by so many others. It might seem like God doesn't care, how can someone a universe away also be close to us? It's hard to wrap our mind around the idea that a Universal Creator would care about our day to day struggles, but here we see the many promises He speaks over and over "I will not abandon you." "I will not forsake you." "I will be with you." And unlike those who let us down or leave us, He has been there from the beginning and will be through our very end, into the next life with Him.