

# NOT FORSAKEN

ISAIAH 42:16

BUFFALO COVENANT

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## NOT FORSAKEN with Guy Bergstrom

*Isaiah 42:16, and various passages*

### INTRODUCTION

Not Forsaken = Not Abandoned

### TODAY'S TEXT

*Isaiah 42:16*

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them."

### FORSAKEN

Deuteronomy 31:17

2 Chronicles 24:20

Jeremiah 23:33

### NOT FORSAKEN

Deuteronomy 31:6

Psalm 94:14

### WHAT IS GOING ON?

Does God keep changing His mind?

### TWO TYPES OF COVENANTS

Conditional – Bilateral  
Mosaic Covenant

Unconditional – Unilateral  
Abrahamic & Davidic Covenants

### NEW COVENANT

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

Unilateral – Unconditional

### GOD WILL NOT FORSAKE HIS PEOPLE

Who are His people?

### THE PROBLEM

Is man basically good or basically evil?

- *Psalm 51:5* – "Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me."

- *Romans 5:12, 19* – Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned... by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners.

All men? Are there any exceptions?

- *Romans 3:23* – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- *2 Chronicles 6:36* – "there is no one who does not sin."

Are people good deep down?

- *Mark 7:21-23* – "For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- *Psalm 5:9* – For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.

Are men totally depraved? Is every faculty of the person corrupted?

Heart/Mind (Deceitful)

- *Jeremiah 17:9* - “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”

- *Titus 1:15-16* - to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

Will/Choosing (Enslaved)

- *John 8:34* - Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.”

- *2 Peter 2:19* - They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

Affections/Desires (Perverted)

- *Proverbs 21:10* - The soul of the wicked desires evil

- *John 8:44* - “You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires.”

The Rest (Utter Ruin)

- *Romans 7:18* - For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh.

- *Isaiah 1:5-6* - The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it...

Can men change themselves or still do good when they want to?

- *Jeremiah 13:23* - Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.

- *Romans 8:7* - For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot.

What is man’s relationship to God?

- *Psalm 58:3* – The wicked are estranged from the womb;

- *Ephesians 2:12* – “Remember that you were at that time separated from

Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

## CONCLUSION

A Just and Holy God should forsake us.

## THE SOLUTION

*Matthew 27:45-46* – From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” (which means “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”).

## ARTICLE

Why Have You Forsaken Me?

By Donald MacLoed (From Desiring God)

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/why-have-you-forsaken-me>

Truly Forsaken.

“Abba” vs “El”

## CHALLENGE

He was forsaken so we would never be forsaken.

So, where are you this morning? Are you His...or not His?

