

II Chronicles 15:2

... The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

So God being with us is conditioned upon us being with him, that is, following and serving him.

The Bible teaches in many places that if we seek God, we will find him:

- Matt 7:7 [Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you](#)
- Matt 5:6 [Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.](#)

I want to spend some time talking about the last phrase of our text “[if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.](#)” That would have been true about the Israelites physically at that time, and it is true about us spiritually today. Notice how II Tim 2:12 teaches the same thing – “[If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us.](#)”

forsake - (Dictionary.com) [to quit or leave entirely; abandon; desert](#)

You can't quit something you haven't started. You can't leave something if you weren't there to start with. You can't abandon someone unless you were with them before you abandoned them. You can't desert a cause you weren't supporting in the first place. Similarly, you can't forsake someone if you've never had a relationship with them to begin with. So we are obviously talking about someone who has become a true Christian here.

Therefore this text clearly proves Once Saved Always Saved false. If a true Christian forsakes God, God will forsake them. Obviously they won't be saved.

And this verse explains every passage that is normally used to try to prove Once Saved Always Saved. For example ...

John 10:27-28 [My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me ... and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.](#)

First of all, we ought to be able to tell by the word “plucked” that we are not talking about a person voluntarily leaving the Lord. That person doesn't need to be plucked.

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How about Rom 8:38-39? ... neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love Of God, which is in Christ ...

First, you'll notice the passage doesn't say the person himself cannot separate himself from the love of God.

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I am going to ask the listening audience to raise their hand right now if you believe II Chron 15:2 that if we forsake God, He will forsake us. Well if you raised your hand, you just agreed that Once Saved Always Saved is false. Because the OSAS position says that God will forsake no one, even if they forsake him (no matter how they live).

OSAS = impossible for God to forsake

Bible = God will forsake those who forsake him