

GOD WILL NOT FORGET YOU

Isaiah 49:12-15 “Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.” Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.”

The context of Isaiah 49 is Israel has been taken into captivity by the Babylonians. They have been taken from their homes and homeland to a strange, far-away country. Yahweh, through the Prophet Isaiah tells Israel that unlike Cyrus waging war with his military forces, He would send His one and only Servant into the world to free them from their captivity. His servant would come without an army. His chief weapon would be the Words of His mouth, which verse two calls “a sharpened sword.”

It sounds preposterous to an unbeliever that God’s word will conquer evil and set free people under captivity to sin, Satan and the world. While the world believes the rise and fall of nations is determined by having the most powerful army equipped with the most devastating weapons, God says He will overcome the world and evil with His prophetic word through the saving work of His Servant (Jesus.)

“The weapons God has given you to fight the forces of evil are not the weapons of the world. (2 Corinthians 10:4) St. Paul reminded the young pastor Timothy “how from infancy (he) had known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make (him) wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15). To the Roman church he wrote, “I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile” (Rom. 1:16). Secure in God’s hand, filled with the wisdom of God and empowered by His Word and Sacraments Almighty God provides you with all you need to free you from every earthly and spiritual adversary. In and through Christ You are a conqueror over all things. Nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. (See Romans 8:31-39)

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Prayer: O Lord, never permit to forget You and Your powerful word, but by Your grace and the faith You grant me to use Your word daily in my battles with Satan, the world and my sinful flesh. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son And bring to naught all He has
done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life.
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