If God Is For Us

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you this morning to particularly read with me and study with me four questions that this letter ends with, or this chapter that is, beginning in verse 31.
- I want us to think first of all about the majesty of God. The scriptures speak about his majesty in Psalm 93, verses 1 and 2, where the psalmist said, The Lord reigns. He is clothed with majesty.
- If God is for us, so you stop and think, well, He is the one who is so great, who is so powerful that we ought to honor and reverence him.

1 If God Is for Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Romans 8:31; Isaiah 46:9–10; Psalm 27:1–2

- If God is for us, the first question, who can be against us? Well, understanding who God is, we would say no one has any ability to overcome.
- By His grace, he's provided the means of salvation through the gift of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Indeed, God has proven that He is for us.
- We have one who's greatly against us, but he will not succeed, not if we serve the Lord.
- The assurance in this passage is that there is no opposition that can crush God's people. He is our sovereign protector. He alone declares even the end from the beginning.
- I am God and there is no other. I am God and there's none like me, declaring the end from the beginning.
- The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear?

2 How Shall He Not Freely Give Us All Things?

Romans 8:32; James 1:2–4; 1 Corinthians 10:13

- He who did not spare his own son, but delivered him up for us all. How shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- This text is not a promise of one saved, always saved.
- He's not talking about selfish desires being fulfilled, but about those things that will help us reach heaven.
- He freely gives us all things. In the sense that he enables us to meet the test, and we grow stronger in the Lord by it.
- If he would give his only begotten Son, is it not obvious that he will freely give us all things that enable us and help us to reach that home in heaven.

3 Who Shall Bring a Charge Against God's Elect?

Romans 8:33–34; Hebrews 8:12; 1 John 1:8–10

- It implies that we do not need to fear what Satan or any other might charge against us.
- The promise of the scriptures in Hebrews 8 and 12 is that God doesn't remember. That once he has forgiven us of those sins, then he will remember them no more.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- In Christ Jesus, his blood continually is present to help wash away our sins. As we repent, as we confess as we turn unto him.
- The very Christ who died for us, continues to make intercession for us at the right hand of God.

4 Who Shall Separate Us From the Love of Christ?

Romans 8:35–39; Hebrews 3:12–14; Romans 8:18

- The answer to the question, of course, is that none of these things shall separate us from the love of Christ.
- It's not talking about our love for God, but rather God's love for us.
- This passage of Romans chapter 8 teaches there's security of the believer. But it's still possible for us to separate ourselves.
- Beware, brethren. Lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God.
- You cannot depart from God if you haven't been in fellowship with God.
- In all these things, we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Are you a child of God? Are these promises and these blessings for you or to describe someone else? Have you obeyed the gospel?**

MY NOTES