

# “IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?”

Romans 8:31

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. If you go to Maple Hill Cemetery, go to the mausoleum, turn right, go to second “street” and turn left, go two “blocks,” you will find a plot that has some members of my family buried there.
- B. On my mother’s tombstone, you will find these words, “If God be for us, who can be against us?”
- C. Romans 8:31 is one of the most comforting verses in the Bible.
- D. However, not everyone understands and accepts that verse.
- E. Let us see how some view God, and then see that God is for us:

## I. SOME FEEL THAT GOD IS ABOVE US.

- A. Belief that God doesn’t interfere in our lives. Some believe that He set things in motion & stepped back to watch.
- B. However, He knows us, and cares for us.
  - 1. The hairs of our head are numbered *Matthew 10:30*.
  - 2. Seek first kingdom of God, and all things shall be added *Matthew 6:33*
  - 3. If man can give good gifts, much more will God give to those that ask. *Mt. 7:7-11*
  - 4. “Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.” *1 Peter 5:7*.
- C. If we ask, he will give us what we need.
  - 1. Ye have not, because ye ask not *James 4:2*
  - 2. The effectual fervent prayer availeth much *James 5:16*
  - 3. Every good and every perfect gift comes down from the Father *James 1:17*
  - 4. We know we have the petitions we desire of him *1 John 5:14, 15*
- D. God cares for us, and works for our good.

## II. SOME FEEL THAT GOD IS AGAINST US.

- A. As a detective, keeping a record, trying to catch us at something.
  - 1. A little boy, once again caught in the act, said, “*WHAT CAN I DO, WITH YOU, JESUS AND SANTA CLAUS WATCHING ME?*”
  - 2. Some resent God because they hold this attitude.
- B. God does not want man to be lost eternally.
  - 1. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. *Ezekiel 18:23*
  - 2. God is not willing that any should perish *2 Peter 3:9*
  - 3. Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels, not for man, *Matthew 25:41*.
- C. God has not made things more DIFFICULT for us. He has made them BETTER for us.

### III. HOWEVER, GOD IS FOR US.

- A. "The Lord is on my side:
  - 1. "I will not fear; what can man do to me?" **Psalms 118:6**
  - 2. "The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" **Psalms 27:1**
  - 3. "This I know; for God is for me." **Psalms 56:9**
  - 4. The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what men may do to me. **Heb. 13:5,6**
- B. Realize that God really wants you to go to heaven.
  - 1. God sent Jesus who suffered and was tempted **Hebrews 4:15**.
  - 2. He will provide us a way of escape from temptations **1 Corinthians 10:13**.
- C. All God has done has been to help you go to heaven.
  - 1. God has given HIS SON. **Romans 8:32** "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?"
  - 2. God has given HIS WORD. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." **Psalms 119:105**.
  - 3. This is shown in his giving the GREAT COMMISSION, **Mark 16:15-16**.
- D. All that God has done shows that He is FOR US.

### IV. IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

- A. There are problems and difficulties that will arise, although none are insurmountable.
- B. Look at what Paul says in this same chapter: "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us..." **Romans 8:34-39**.
- C. Paul's words in another passage: "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed," **2 Corinthians 4:7-11**.
- C. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" **Heb 13:5-6**.
- D. There have only been two times when God's people have been in the majority:
  - 1. Adam & Eve in the garden.
  - 2. Noah and his family after the flood.
- E. Yet, God always stood with His people. Even if everyone else is against us, God is still FOR US.  
"Never be afraid to stand with the minority when the minority is right, for the minority which is right will one day be the majority. Always be afraid to stand with the majority which is wrong, for the majority which is wrong will one day be the minority."
- F. Who can stand against God and His people?
  - 1. GIDEON and his army of 300 plus God equaled Victory.
  - 2. DAVID said, "He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine." **1 Sam. 17:37**.
  - 3. THREE HEBREW CHILDREN refused to bow to an image and were cast into a furnace, yet came out unharmed. **Daniel 3**.
- G. Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world **1 John 4:4**

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. With God on our side, we need not fear what man may do to us (cf. Mt. 10:28)
- B. How do we get God on our side? By obeying his Word.
- C. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. *James 4:8*.

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Some have the “Elijah Complex.”

1. Elijah defeated prophets of Baal & slew them.
2. Ahab told Jezebel, & she sought to slay Elijah, but he ran away. *1 Kings 19:17-40.*
3. Elijah became discouraged, and said, “I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.” *1 Kings 19:10.*
4. God’s answer: I have 7,000 in Israel, who have not bowed the knee to Baal, *v.18.*
5. Don’t allow yourself to become discouraged and feel alone.