



I recently was fellowshiping with a neighbor and our conversation was centered around the Lord. He mentioned during our conversation that when a believer sins God will turn His back on us because He hates sin. Is this true? Let's look at the scriptures and see.

Under the Old Testament Law, God was in covenant with Israel and it was based off performance. If they did good they would be blessed, if they did bad they would be cursed (Deu 28:1-68). We are not under the law or performance with God but are under Grace (Rom 6:14). Grace is where God bases His relationship with man off Jesus performance not our own (Rom 5:19).

### **Jesus took our sins**

When Adam and Eve transgressed against God they became spiritually dead and separated themselves from God. Sin became the barrier that stood between us and God (Is 59:2). Since sin was a barrier between us and God; God sent His Son to become the very thing that separated us from Him (2 Cor 5:21). He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him (Is 53:5). The Lord bore the sins of many (Is 53:12) and came as a propitiation for the sins of the entire world (1 John 2:2). So if Jesus took our sins then the sin issue has been dealt with.

### **I am forgiven**

Under the New Testament Grace because of Jesus finish works on the cross anyone who puts faith in Jesus is NOW forgiven of all sins (Col 2:13, 1 Jn 1:7). God does not even remember our sins (Heb 8:12, Heb 10:17) and we are now in relationship with God where we are not trying to get forgiven but we are (Eph 4:32). This is key because if God were to turn His back on us when we sin (miss the mark) then we must not be forgiven. David foresaw the plan of redemption in that God would

forgive all our sins (Ps 103:3). David was looking forward to what we are living in today, so either we are forgiven, or we are not.

### **How does God treat a believer when they sin?**

The Epistles are letters written to the church which is us. The scriptures I am about to share are for a believer. God is not imputing sin on us (2 Cor 5:19) and we are now at peace with God because we have been justified; just as if we have never sinned (Rom 5:1). God is a spirit (Jn 4:24) and we are a spirit (James 2:26). The moment we receive Jesus as our Lord, God sends the spirit of His son into our heart (Gal 4:6) and now our spirits are identical to Jesus (1 Cor 6:17). When God looks at us, He sees us in the spirit, and He sees Jesus. God sees us HOLY and BLAMELESS in his sight (Eph 1:4) and sees us HOLY, WITHOUT BLAME, and FREE FROM ACCUSATION (Col 1:22). If God were to turn His back on us when we miss the mark He would be wrong to Jesus because Jesus came so that we could come back into intimacy with the Father and remove the barrier. We can now come boldly to our Father when we mess up (Heb 4:16) and approach Him with freedom and confidence (Eph 3:12) even in our worst times. God has promised to not be angry with us, to rebuke us, or remove His COVENANT OF PEACE from us (Is 54:9-10). The very person who we should run to when we fall short is the Father. He paid the ultimate sacrifice for us to have relationship with Him (Jn 17:3) so now when we sin it is not an issue between us and God. Sin will destroy us (Rom 6:16), but God has dealt with the sin issue.

So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the LORD, who has mercy on you (Is 54:9-10). The covenant that we are under is known as the Gospel of peace. There is now peace between God and man because Jesus reconciled us back to God (2 Cor 5:18).

**I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] (Heb 13:5 AMP).** This verse refutes any idea that God is turning from us when we sin. If we believe God is turning from us when we sin, we need to tare this scripture out of our Bible.