



God's Answer for our Broken Hearts

Isaiah 49

8 This is what the Lord says: “In the time of my favor I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you; I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people, to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, 9 to say to the captives, ‘Come out,’ and to those in darkness, ‘Be free!’ “They will feed beside the roads and find pasture on every barren hill. 10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water. 11 I will turn all my mountains into roads, and my highways will be raised up. 12 See, they will come from afar—some from the north, some from the west, some from the region of Aswan.”13 Shout for joy, you heavens; rejoice, you earth; burst into song, you mountains! For the Lord comforts his people and will have compassion on his afflicted ones. 14 But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.”15 “Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you! 16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. Isaiah 49:8-16

And now the Lord speaks—the one who formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him. The Lord has honored me, and my God has given me strength. 6 He (God the Father) says to Me (God the Son), “You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” Isaiah 49:5,6

This is God’s Word

How God Reacts to Our Heartbreak

1. God stops and hears the complaint

“The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.” vs. 14

2. God responds kindheartedly.

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!
16 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are ever before me. verses 15,16

Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God! Psalm 42:5,6

Here’s the principle:

If you don’t listen to your heart,
you’ll be in emotional denial;
but if you only listen to your heart,
you’ll be a psychological mess.

So....

Let's look at what are the specific things God does with a despondent heart?

There are three things.

vs. 14 “The Lord has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.”

The word *forsaken* is kind of an external word.

“*You haven’t come through for me,*”

But the word *forgotten* is more of an internal word,

“*You’ve rejected me.*”

So when God comes to our broken heart, he directs us in three ways and they’re all here in verses 15, 16a, and 16b.

Verse 15 says, “*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!*”

1. “Think of who I am.”

Verse 16a says: “*See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;*”

2. “Look what I’ve done.”

engraved:

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” 28 “My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.” John 20:27-29