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When You Feel Disconnected from God...

Psalm 13:1-6

How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever?

How long will You hide Your face from me?

**²How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart daily?**

How long will my enemy be exalted over me?

³Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God;

Enlighten my eyes,

Lest I sleep the *sleep of death*;

⁴Lest my enemy say,

“I have prevailed against him”;

Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

⁵But I have trusted in Your mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

⁶I will sing to the LORD,

Because He has dealt bountifully with me.

This Psalm divides itself into three sections. David’s problem: God seems distant (v.1-3); David’s petition: please answer me (v.3-4); David’s praise: I’ll trust you, based on past experience (5-6). This passage shows the frustration of one who – whether rightly or wrongly – felt disconnected from God! Have YOU ever felt that way? Chances are, you have! This lesson will try to guide us through such feelings...

I. First, know that our connection to God is NOT based on “feelings”

- “Feelings” about God are subjective and unreliable (Is it God, me, or Satan? How do I know?)
- Subjective religion leads to uncertainty, doctrinal confusion, & chaos! (1Cor.14:33)
- According to the John, our connection is based upon objective truth (1Jn.2:3-5)
- Hence, we are connected to God through His word – NOT through our “feelings” and desires!

II. Know that God is everywhere; and in particular, with His children!

- Many Scriptures affirm this! The question is: Do we believe it? (Ps.139:7-12; Ac.17:26-28; Rm.8:28)
- Therefore, if God “feels” distant, or if we “feel” disconnected, it is NOT God’s fault, but ours!
- This means that the onus is on us to keep ourselves near to God! (Jm.4:8, “draw near to God”)
- Though it may sound “cliché,” we must ask ourselves: If God seems far away, WHO MOVED?

III. Here are some reasons why you might feel disconnected from God

- Sometimes, our “disconnect” is accidental: we get “*too busy for God*” (Lk.12:15-21)
- Other times, our “disconnect” is intentional: we have chosen to live in sin! (Isa.59:1-2)
- And, in a few cases, we “disconnect” out of anger – e.g., the passing of a child or spouse
- Perhaps this is why there are so many warnings about our priorities! (Mt.6:33; 10:37; 16:24)

IV. There are also circumstances that can make you feel disconnected

- God does not always do what we want – i.e., He is **NOT** our “magic genie” (Jm.4:13-17)
- He may do what we want, but not the way we want it (ask for patience, but get trials, Jm.1:2-4)
- He does not always work on our time table – Joseph endured **years** of hardship! (Is.40:31)
- **Such are tests of faith!** We must trust that He is always there – no matter what happens!

V. In view of these facts, what can we do when we feel disconnected?

- First, we must constantly feed our faith, not our doubts! (one strengthens; the other weakens!)
- Get connected to **God** through vigilant prayer and Scripture studies (Ph.4:6-7; 2Tm.2:15)
- Get connected to the **church** via regular attendance, and social interaction (Hb.10:25; 1Pt.4:9)
- Get connected to **reality** by focused thinking (Ph.4:8) – pursuing sin is a dead-end fantasy!

Hopefully this lesson has helped you to think about whats going on with you during those times you feel “disconnected.” I hope it has provided some guidance about your personal obligation to keep yourself connected to God. However, if you are not a Christian, then you haven’t even made a connection to God yet! Why not begin that connection right now, by obeying the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Mk.16:15-20)

-Lanny Smith

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