If God Is For Us, Who Can Be Against Us?

Brent Moody · Romans 8:31–39

INTRODUCTION

- This is the very end of Paul's main argument, the first argument, at least, in the book of Romans.
- God has a plan and he knows where he's going with the world. It's already been determined.
- This text, this very text in Romans 8, has to do with the idea that we can be assured of overwhelming victory.

1 God Is For Us

Romans 8:28; Genesis 22; Psalm 118:6

- If we are in Christ, if we are his, then God is for us. He is on our side.
- If we will submit to his will and we will give ourselves over to him, he will be for us.
- God did not spare his only son, but gave him up for us all.
- Suffering does not mean that God is not with you. Quite the opposite.
- If God will even give up his own son, if he will not withhold his own son, can't we believe in his promise that we will inherit all things?
- That's not the God that we serve. Actually, quite the opposite. There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

2 Who Can Be Against Us? It Is God Who Justifies

Isaiah 50:8–9; Romans 8:7

- If we are with God and God is with us, there's no enemy that can stand against them, there's no enemy that can defeat them.
- He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me.
- It's not a sign that God is not with us when things aren't going well.
- What we have to understand about this is that it is God who justifies. It is not the world who gets to decide where we stand.
- The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, Paul said earlier in Romans 8.
- This is the natural way of things. But God will be victorious.

3 God Is Going to Come and Restore His People

Psalm 44:21–22

- For your sake, we're being killed all day long. We are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered. Victory. Doesn't quite sound like it, does it?

- Maybe that should tell us that the way we perceive things isn't always accurate.
- The psalmist is not saying I'm perfect, and I never make mistakes. But what he is saying is I'm trying to do your will.
- I want to be faithful. Come and defend your people and vindicate us.
- In the midst of all of that, God is going to come and restore his people.

4 Nothing Can Separate Us From the Love of God

Romans 8:38–39

- In chapter 8, he's saying this is the ultimate part of the story. Where there will be victory and there's nobody who can take it away.
- He lists seven threats and ten sources of those threats.
- None of those can separate us from the love of God. Nothing. We will have overwhelming victory through Jesus Christ. That's Paul's message.
- When I say a hope, I'm not saying a wish, or maybe this will happen.
- You're on God's side, and there's nothing that anybody else or anything else can do to take that away from you.
- God is powerful to save. He will give life to all those who are in his son, just as he did with him.

THE CHALLENGE

The question is, whose side will I be on? Will I be on his side? Will I accept his offer? Will I heed his call? Will I listen to the answer that he has given to fixing the problems of the world?

MY NOTES