

God Never Fails

"The Lord will fulfil His purpose for me"
Psalm 138:8

Several times I took my children when they were young to the ocean for a holiday. I still have some photos of the place and the sand castles we built. Not having an artistic bone in my body, I was not very good at creating a recognizable structure.

Looking at some other dad's efforts along the beach I knew instantly that building sand castles was not my calling. However we had lots of fun trying.

I was comforted in my attempts to create something for my children to know that when the tide came in everything would be washed away. The remarkable castles we saw would also be gone in a few hours. There would be no record of any creation that afternoon.

Some people live in a futile world where all they are building with their lives are sand castles, or so they think. They wonder what will be there after they have gone. What is permanent is the issue with them. On the other hand, those who follow the Lord are taught in Scripture that they are the construction site of God Himself. He is making something of them that will not be washed away by the tide of time. Their lives will last forever to God's praise.

Our verse shows a great confidence on the part of the writer. There is no uncertainty in his speech. God, he says, has a purpose for me and it will not fail to be accomplished. The reason for certain success lies in the fact it is God doing the job. Paul says the same thing in Philipians 1:6:

"being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion."

If we are Christians we have God to thank and not ourselves. God is the one who initiated the good work and He is certain to complete it. As the hymn writer Toplady puts it:

The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete;
My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase;
Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace.
Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n;
More happy, but not more secure, the glorified spirits in Heav'n.

Your coming to faith in Jesus was a journey that began before God created the world. "He chose us in Him before the creation of the world." Ephesians 1:4. When we heard the Gospel we responded as Lydia in Acts

16:14 where it says, "The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."

Charles Wesley one of the church's greatest and most prolific hymn writers says,

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin
and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused
a quickening ray,--
I woke,
the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off,
my heart was free,
I rose, went forth,
and followed Thee.

If you have come to faith in Jesus you are guaranteed of continuing in grace until you see Jesus as He is. Be confident and look for His glorious appearing for all of His people. Value your time here as one who is the handiwork of God Himself.

On the other hand, if you have not sought Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins then pray to the Risen One who invites us all to seek Him and find the relief from our burden of sin we so desperately need. Jesus said (John 6:37),

"whoever comes to Me I will never drive away."

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