

For 6 whole hours, the Son of God was suspended between Heaven and Earth. At the height of His suffering on the Cross, He cried out in the deep darkness: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:45-46) For the first time, Jesus addressed His Father as "God". The Father had forsaken the Son. As Judge of the Universe, God had to turn His back on His Son, who was carrying the filth of the world's sins, for His eyes are too pure to behold evil. (Habakkuk 1:13)

If the Father had not turned His back on His Son, He would have to turn His back on you when you call out to Him in your hour of need. But because Jesus has taken your place, you take His place, and you have God's face smiling on you always! Right now, God's face is smiling on you. His countenance is shining on you - "The Lord make His face shine upon you." (Numbers 6:25-26) It is all because Jesus has paid the price for God to never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5) As Judge, God turned His back on His Son, but as Father, He cried. He grieved because Christ was never more pleasing to Him than when He was on the Cross. Christ's suffering was a sweet-smelling aroma to the Father. (Ephesians 5:2) Do you remember what Jesus said? "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again." (John 10:17) If you are a parent, you love each one of your children equally. But when one of them does something special for you out of love, it touches your soul and spirit, and you just want to run to that child and hug him / her. That was what happened at the Cross, except that the Father could not embrace His Son. Instead, He had to turn His back on His Son because our sins had to be punished in His Son's body.

So, when you cry out to the Father for help, know that He hears you and will surely help you. Because of Jesus, He will never turn His back on you!

Hebrews 13:5 "He Himself has said: "I will never leave you nor forsake you.""