

Assuredly Not!

Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

The writer of Hebrews begins this glorious passage by reminding the reader to live in a way that is not covetous—to be content with what they have. Then the encouragement begins. He will not forsake us in our time of need. He will help us. He is our helper. But it is easy to miss the nuances in the Greek. Here is the AMPC version, which brings the meaning out.

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Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have];

*for He [God] Himself has said,
I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support.*

[I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)!

[Assuredly not!]

⁶ So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say,

*The Lord is my Helper;
I will not be seized with alarm
[I will not fear or dread or be terrified].
What can man do to me?*

It is fair to say that this passage concerns God not forsaking us in our time of financial need. He tells them not to covet and to be content with

what they **have**. He will not leave us without support. He won't leave us helpless. "Will not" is a triple negative. That's why the AMPC repeats it three times and then again.

These truths cause us to take comfort and be encouraged and even boldly declare, "My God is my Helper. He will take care of me. I refuse to be afraid. What can man do to me?"

Sometimes, money matters do involve a sort of threat. We see it all the time on the news about someone being arrested concerning a money matter. Properties are sometimes repossessed. Employment is terminated. Crimes with money are committed.

But we don't need to clamor for money, nor do we need to fear what someone will do to us. We are His, and He will provide. We can live our lives with integrity and trust that God will supply for us. We can be honest in the area of money. We can trust that He will provide. He will not leave us helpless.

Of course, this principle can be extended to other areas of our lives.

In every situation,
He will never, never, never leave us nor forsake us.
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