

# LIFE QUESTIONS



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Believers all over the world are asking the Lord to be with them throughout the day, or to protect them as they embark on a journey. If something goes wrong, they believe, or others think that it's because of some sin in their life which has caused God to leave them without His protection.

Prayers of this nature are stupid because you will never really be able to see its answer. Why? A number of times throughout scripture God has promised never to leave or forsake you. So the only way a prayer like this can be answered is for God to break His promise and turn His back on you. This seems stupid doesn't it! The word never, means never. God has promised to always be with you no matter what! Even when you may be in situations that He might not approve of, He still remains with you!

We live in a fallen world where the unexpected, including tragedies take place. When bad things happen it doesn't mean that God has left you, or because of sin in your life you are no longer protected. Take for example a Christian who was seriously injured as a result of a speeding motorist. God wasn't driving the vehicle, neither was He controlling it, the control was in the hands of the driver who chose to break the law. However even though the driver was driving recklessly God did not leave the Christian. You can be assured that even though bad things might happen in your life God is there with you and will see you through.

Getting a hold on the truth that God is always with you, will affect, not just your thinking and attitude, it will also enable you to be thankful for His presence being continually with you. The writer to the Hebrews helps us to have a right perspective on this when He says, "... Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:5-6 NIVUK).

The next time you are tempted to ask God to be with you, stop yourself and thank Him that He is with you always! Now, enjoy His company and fellowship with Him!