

5. The reason He was forsaken was not because He stopped trusting in God's love, or in God's purpose, or in God's providential control of circumstances, or in God's promises.

God's love for His Son did not cease nor was it interrupted for even one moment. God's purpose was fulfilled in both Christ's humiliation and His exaltation. Our Lord's entire life was a fulfillment of the Plan of God; and Jesus was constantly aware of His coming sacrificial death as part of that Plan. Throughout His earthly ministry Christ acknowledged that His times were in the Father's hands, so that nothing could happen to Him that was not under God's providential control. And as far as God's promises, He already knew from numerous Old Testament Scriptures that the outcome was certain, that He would get through the experience of the cross, and that victory over death and the grave awaited Him.

B. Now let us consider an answer which I believe is the reason why He was forsaken

I believe the reason He was forsaken was because it was necessary to our salvation that He not be delivered from the full weight of our sin or from the full measure of His vicarious suffering until all of our guilt and penalty were paid for, expiated, and exhausted.