

Separation anxiety

Did we, as infants, experience separation anxiety when left behind by mum at the school gate?

And when facing death at life's end, will we then suffer separation anxiety?

First, early in the Bible we learn of God's presence to comfort us when we go through the valley of death. Psalm 23.4.

Second, later in the Bible we find the Christian message is that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8.38-39.

Third, because God is well aware of our human frailties and fears and our need for reassurance, we have these further encouraging promises of wonderful support we can enjoy throughout our life -

1) Jesus himself promised, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18.20. And how far does his promise extend? He said, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28.20.

2) God has further promised, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13.5.

3) And how close is God's Spirit? Jesus said, "the Spirit of truth . . . will be in you." John 14.17.

You can't get closer than that!

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God - the greatest relational Being in the universe - wants a relationship with you!

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