



Help for Afflicted People

Exodus 3:1-12

I. "I have surely seen the oppression of My people" (V19)

A. Nothing escapes the view of our God.

- Psalm 139:1-8, *O Lord, You have searched me and known me. ²You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways.*
- *⁴For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. ⁵You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me.*
- *⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*

B. Notice His tender gaze and care.

1 Peter 5:6-7, Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 7:7-11, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

⁸For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

II. "I have heard their Cry" (V.7)

A. Consider the life of an Israelite in that day.

B. The discouraged people of God had no hope!

Jeremiah 29:11-13, *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

¹²Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

C. God hears their cries.

Psalm 34:4, I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

V. 6, This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

V12, "I will certainly be with you."

III. “I know their sorrows” (v.7)

A. God measures all their tears.

Revelation 21:4, And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

B. He knew every strike of every whip in Egypt.

C. He knew their pain at the end of their day.

D. He knew all about their sorrows.

Isaiah 53:44-5

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

IV. "I Am come down to deliver them." (V.8)

A. Now compassion becomes action.

James 2:15-16, If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

B. He will deliver them from slavery to freedom.

C. Jesus came down to free us from sin's bondage.

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***“Come now,
therefore,
and I will send you...”***