

# His Eye Is On The Sparrow

## Introduction:

1. Matthew 10:29-31; Luke 12:6-7
2. God cares for the things that man considers insignificant, unimportant or worthless.
3. He even clothes the grass of the field with lilies (Matthew 6:28-34).
4. Yet, in spite of his care, bad things still happen – the sparrow still falls (cf. Job 1:8-12).
5. But, in even in hardship, God still sees and cares (Job 1:21; 13:15).
6. After all, we are more valuable than many sparrows.

## I. God Sees Us In Suffering

- A. The immediate context of Jesus' statement is the persecution of those who stand for and preach the Truth.
- B. Those who suffer for righteousness are seen by God (Matthew 5:10-12).
- C. In fact, God sees us in all of our sufferings.
- D. Thus, there is no place for worry in the life of a Christian (Habakkuk 3:17-19; 1 Timothy 6:6-8; 1 Peter 5:7).

## II. God Sees Us In Sickness

- A. The origin of the song came out of prolonged illness.
- B. Civilla Martin wrote: "Early in the spring of 1905, my husband and I were sojourning in Elmira, New York. We contracted a deep friendship for a couple by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle—true saints of God. Mrs. Doolittle had been bedridden for nigh twenty years. Her husband was an incurable cripple who had to propel himself to and from his business in a wheel chair. Despite their afflictions, they lived happy Christian lives, bringing inspiration and comfort to all who knew them. One day while we were visiting with the Doolittles, my husband commented on their bright hopefulness and asked them for the secret of it. Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple: "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." The beauty of this simple expression of boundless faith gripped the hearts and fired the imagination of Dr. Martin and me. The hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" was the outcome of that experience.
- C. Psalm 102:1-14
- D. Sickness can be a time of great loneliness, but God sees and cares (cf. Job).

## III. God Sees Us In Separation

- A. There is no greater pain in the human experience than the separation caused by death.
  1. Separation of spirit from body (James 2:26)
  2. Separation of loved ones
- B. Yet, God is with us in the sadness of separation.
  1. John 11:32-37
  2. Isaiah 53:10-11; Matthew 27:45
  3. Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 34:4
  4. 2 Corinthians 1:2-3
- C. Hopefully, we are children of God and this separation is only temporary.
  1. Genesis 37:35; 2 Samuel 12:23
  2. Luke 23:43

#### IV. God Sees Us In Sin

##### A. Psalm 84

1. Even sparrows were not excluded from dwelling in the House of God.
2. There is room for the most “worthless” in the church of Christ.

##### B. God saw us in sin and sent His Son (John 3:16-17; Galatians 4:4-7; 1 John 4:9-10).

##### C. Christ saw us in sin and died in our place (Matthew 9:36; 20:28; Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:14).

##### D. The Spirit saw us in sin and gave us the Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

##### E. We must see ourselves in sin and be obedient to God.

#### Conclusion:

1. In God’s eyes, no one is insignificant, unimportant or worthless.
2. The Almighty God focuses His attention on the little details of His world.
3. He sees you and me – and, He cares.
4. Will you let Him care for you, comfort you, lead you?