



“Discouraged?”

God Cares
Exodus 2:23-25

God is:

I. Listening - “God heard their groanings” (v. 23)

EL SHAMA – *the God who hears me* - Psalm 17:6

Realizing the:

A. **Times** – “And it came to pass in the process of time”

B. **Tyrants** – “the king of Egypt died”

C. **Trouble** - “they cried ...by reason of the bondage”

II. Laboring - “God remembered His covenant” (v. 24)

EL EMUNAH – *the faithful God* - Deuteronomy 7:9

Revealing His:

A. **Attention** – “remembered”

B. **Affection** – “His covenant”

C. **Association** – “with Abraham...Isaac...Jacob”

III. Looking - “God had respect unto them” (v. 26)

EL ROI – *the God who sees me* - Genesis 16:13

Recognizing our need for :

A. **Protection** - “God looked upon”

B. **Provision** – “the children of Israel”

C. **Privilege** – “God had respect unto them”

VIDEO OF PAINTING JESUS UPSIDE DOWN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXsQbzBQ6ck>

Sentence Sermon:

“Cast all your cares upon God for He cares for you.”

Additional Verses

- **Genesis 3:7, 16**
- **Psalm 34:15**
- **I Peter 5:7**
- **Psalm 130:1-2**
- **Galatians 6:9**
- **Lamentations 2:18**
- **Genesis 15:9-21**
- **Psalm 33:5, 13-15**
- **Psalm 145:9**
- **Isaiah 19:20-22**

God’s Covenant with:

- **Abraham** – Genesis 12:1-3; 15:18-21; 17:2-8
- **Isaac** – Genesis 17:21
- **Jacob** – Genesis 35:10-12

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words in this passage?
2. Who is the central character of the passage?
3. How long is a long time to deal with a problem?
4. How would you feel if you were a Hebrew that heard Pharaoh died?
5. Do all our “cries” draw God’s attention? Why or Why not?
6. What part of God’s covenant with Abraham is in view here?
7. What does it mean that “God had respect unto them?”
8. What are some difficult times you have faced by knowing God cares?
9. Would you share an example of how God cared for you?
10. What is the hardest thing about believing God cares about you?

INTRODUCTION

EVER BEEN DISCOURAGED ??? What discourages you?....

- Children of Israel mentioned twice
- Bondage mentioned twice
- Crying/Groaning mentioned 3 times
- God mentioned 5 times in 3 verses....
 - Guess Who and What ...this passage is all about?

V. 23

- **And it came to pass in the process of time = after many days, months, and years....it took a while but eventually....**
- **That the king of Egypt died = notice his name is still not given....can insinuate that he died prematurely or earlier than normal.**
- **The children of Israel sighed = moaned like cattle..**
- **By reason of their bondage = the hard labor involved with their slavery**
- **And they cried = to gather together and cry out**
- **And their cry came up unto God = God hears their request for help**

V. 24

- **And God heard = to hear with interest and concern**

- **Their groaning = groaning**
- **And God remembered = was mindful**
 - Ill) visiting people over the years I have noticed that the **refrigerators of America** are now billboards for grandchildren. With magnetic frames, you see all the grandchildren—so every time gram or gramp go to the fridge—they are reminded of those they love—
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- **His covenant = not a covenant....not their covenant BUT HIS Covenant**
 - **The part about being their God....And**
 - **Blessing those who bless....Cursing those who curse**
- **With Abraham...Isaac...Jacob =**
- **JOSEPH ???? - “I am about to die. But God will surely come to you and lead you up from this land to the land he swore on oath to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.” Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He said, “God will surely come to you. Then you must carry my `bones up from this place.” ([Gen. 50:24-25](#))**

V. 25

- **And God looked upon = this word is ra’a, and it is the same word used to describe God’s**

seeing his people in verse 25. (The NIV translates this, “[God] was concerned about them.”) or “‘to look on’ with sympathy and real emotional involvement, the opposite of turning one’s back on them.” **2** This word is so important that it recurs in 3:7, 9; 4:31; and 5:19 to describe and emphasize God’s deep concern for his people.

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- **The children of Israel = 2nd time in the 3 verses they are mentioned but 3rd time they are indicated....because they are descendents of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**
- **And God had respect unto them = He knew them and had them on His radar because of His commitment to them. They were His people.**

Psalm 91:14 *The Lord says, “Because he is devoted to me, I will deliver him; I will protect him because he is loyal to me. 15 When he calls out to me, I will answer him. I will be with him when he is in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him honor.*

GOSPEL –

John 1:12 ----- *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name*

III. God Sees---**sometimes we feel like no one else knows what we are going through, what we are facing—but the truth is that God sees—**

- **how weak we are in the struggles of life—to others we may seem strong and able to handle everything: but God sees our weaknesses**—His strength is made perfect in our weakness
- **how the enemy is working against us: we can’t see all the moves of the devil, but Gods sees them**—and makes a way where there is no way: Ill) years ago a very famous picture of a chess match was painted: it was called checkmate---it had been placed in a gallery for viewing and a world champion chess master looked at the picture: after a few minutes he declared: there is a move that can save them. He saw a move that had been overlooked---one where there would not be a checkmate. God sees the moves that we cannot see