

I Love That the LORD Should Hear Me - April 19, 2020

God Sees, Hears, Knows, and Comes to Deliver

- Isa 49:14-16 ESV But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." 15 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.
- Exo 3:7-8 ESV Then the LORD said, "I have surely **seen the affliction** of my people who are in Egypt and have **heard their cry** because of their taskmasters. **I know their sufferings**, 8 and ***I have come down to deliver them*** out of the hand of the Egyptians.....

I love that the LORD should hear me - He Actually Hears ME

Psa 116:1-2 ESV I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. 2 Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore **I will call on him as long as I live**.

- In English it almost sounds selfish - I love the Lord ***BECAUSE he heard me***
- In the original text - "I love, because the Lord hath heard my voice"
- It may be rendered, **"I love that the Lord should hear me"**

God has a predisposition toward hearing and bending down to hear

God heard Ishmael cry when he was thirsty and dying in the desert

- Gen 21:17 ESV And God heard the voice of the boy....,"What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is....

He heard David when he had to act like a crazy man in front of Abimelech

- Psa 34:4 ESV I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

He heard Jonah in the belly of the great fish

- Jon 2:1-2 ESV Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

He heard Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane

- Heb 5:7 ESV In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Knowing this moved him to say I Will CALL UPON HIM AS LONG AS I LIVE

Sometimes YOU are the answered prayer - Ministry is being the answered prayer

- Exo 3:9-10 ESV And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, ***I will send you*** to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt."

Summary

I hope that knowing He Hears You **makes you LOVE HIM - realize how deeply He cares for you**

I hope that knowing He Hears You **moves you to call upon Him all the days of your life**

I hope you will realize that **sometimes YOU ARE THE ANSWERED PRAYER**