

VICTORY SUNDAY - THE GOD WHO IS PERSONAL

Exodus 3:7 And Jehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. 8 And I am coming down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, to bring them up out of that land, to a good land, a large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 And now behold, the cry of the sons of Israel has come to Me. And I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 And now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.

Before we go into a time of personal ministry, I want to share with you on subject matter **THE GOD WHO IS PERSONAL**.

- There is absolutely nothing as powerful as being treated as a unique person, as someone special. You will agree with me that it is very disheartening to be treated as part of a crowd.
- When you are a visitor, you will feel special if you are mentioned by name instead of being lumped up with the crowd.
- This morning I want you to know that you belong to a God who deals with you as a personal matter.
- The devil wants to make you feel as if you are just a number in the eyes of God, or you are of no consequence when it comes to the love of God.
- There is nothing that is far from the truth as that.
- God looked at the children of Israel and he considered them to be special, deserving of personal attention.

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- I don't know what you have been going through but talking to people, I have realized that a lot of people are disillusioned with God. Life has been tough and there seems to be no end in sight.
- On this victory Sunday, I am here to tell you that your matter is a personal matter with God. The question is this – do you believe that your situation is important to God and that He wants to do something about it.

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- The children of Israel had been in Egypt for 430yrs and probably for about 120yrs of that period, they were slaves to the Egyptians.
- How long has your situation been going on for? How difficult has it been? The Israelites were in your shoes at some point and I am sure it felt like God had abandoned them.
- God dealt with the Israelites in a personal way – the same way He dealt with them personally, He will do the same for you.
- **How does a personal God deal with His people?**

1. God sees your afflictions

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- God is not blind to your issues – someone needs this revelation. He sees the hidden pains; He sees the camouflaged sorrows that you hide from people.

2. God hears your cry

Exodus 3:7... I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters

- Every time that a child of groans under pain, under oppression, that goes up to God as a prayer.
- He does not only see, God hears – he is not deaf of hearing. Every time you moan whilst under financial pressure, God hears all that.

3. God knows your sorrows

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- When your problem is known by God, that problem has no chance of surviving for long.
- God knows how unfairly you are being treated right now – its not about how big your problem is, its about who knows about it.

4. God personally comes to your rescue

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- When it comes to you, God personally responds to your situation.
- God will turn around your situation for your good. When God responds, no situation can remain the same.
- He personally went to deliver them in the form of Moses – Moses went as a representative of God.
- Saints, we have better than a Moses in the new covenant – Jesus, God the son came and died on the cross to provide an answer to your situation.
- He planned to take them out of slavery into abundance, from scarcity into more than enough, from sickness into good health, from debt into being flush with cash.