

***"He knows what you are going through..."***

*"For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He knows your going through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you. You have lacked nothing" (Deuteronomy 2:7).*

When life is hard it is easy to think that God has abandoned you... It's easy to assume that God is waiting for you on the other side of the valley. It's easy to picture God as one who says "Now go on and suffer for a little while and I'll be over here in luxurious comfort..." It's easy to feel as if God has thrown you off the high dive of life and is forcing you to swim on your own. But that's not who the God of the Bible is! No, the One True God says to His children, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). For the Lord takes great delight in helping, rescuing, and carrying His people through the lowest of times.

That's exactly what Moses was reminding the Israelites when he said that the LORD "knows your going through this great wilderness." Their suffering was not a surprise to God. He saw the pain. He saw the hunger. He saw the thirst. He saw the long years of suffering... And Almighty God saw their hardship not just in an omniscient all-knowing way as God of the Universe who sees all things. But rather He sympathetically perceived them... As the God of all Grace, He recognized their affliction and wanted to aid them in His love (Psalm 31:7).

You see, there will be days, weeks, and seasons of your life in which you will find yourself in a "great wilderness." And it is in those moments that you need to be reminded of the glorious fact that God knows what you are going through... Maybe it's depression that is your great wilderness at the moment? Perhaps it's an illness? Maybe it's grief from losing a close family member? Perhaps it's financial stress? Maybe it's work-related? Or ongoing strife in your family? Whatever the great wilderness is, be certain God knows about it! And because He knows the suffering at hand, the Victorious King of Glory will most certainly grant you the strength, endurance, and ability to keep on walking through it for the honor of His name!

Moses reminded the Israelites that in those tough days of their wilderness wanderings, they "lacked nothing." Their sandals never wore out over a forty-year period. I don't know a shoe company today that can advertise such a claim... The Lord provided manna and quail for their hunger. And He brought flowing water from a rock for their thirst. They were well supplied in the days of suffering because God knew their suffering as His own...

And if God in His eternal love didn't leave the Israelites out to dry in the wilderness... Well then how much more can you count on God's blessing of love to come your way now that you are in Christ Jesus His Son by faith? Jesus your High Priest knows your pain... He knows your great wilderness... He knows the long years of continual suffering... He knows your burden... And I promise you He wants to carry that burden on His back! And so, reach out to Jesus in faith, for He knows what you are going through...

Respect the Blood,  
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