

# HE REMEMBERS

To the casual observer, who your life seeks to view,  
It may seem, on the surface, all's going well for you,  
Not knowing you're going under for the third time,  
Unaware of your struggles, and the mountains you must climb.

With that thing lacked and yearned for your peers have  
been blessed,

In which they rejoice, revel, radiating happiness;

But you can only spectate, or simmer with envy,

Gen 30:1

As you bravely soldier on, but with a heart so heavy.

You daily scan the horizon in hopeful expectancy,

But the picture never changes – bleak, barren and empty,

With every hope of deliverance all too soon dashed,

As those dreams you hold dear in pieces become smashed.

Despite your heartache, longings, the tears you have cried,

1 Sam 1:7-8 & 10

Answers seem cruelly, constantly, stubbornly denied;

And, as questions keep growing, your unease at not knowing,

You wonder can you really find the strength to keep going.

For, as days become weeks, turning to months and years,

The strongest faith can falter, as nagging doubts fuel fears

That God has forgotten you, and pays no heed to your prayers,

Ps 77:9

As a fearful voice whispers 'He neither sees, knows nor cares.'

Ps 77:7-8

Oh dear troubled soul, as in sorrow you now languish,

Scripture has just the answer to alleviate your anguish,

A three-word statement of fact Bible heroes lived to prove –

'And God remembered' – let its balm heal, comfort, soothe.

Gen 8:1, 19:29 &  
30:22

He remembered faithful Noah, his obedient, lonely stand, Gen 8:1  
 And brought him from the ark, when it rested safe on dry land, Gen 8:13-17  
 Along with his whole family, whom he had reached and won, Gen 8:18; Heb 11:7  
 The ark pointing forward to our refuge in God's Son. Heb 6:18-20

He remembered just Lot, for his loving uncle's sake, 2 Pet 2:7; Gen 19:29  
 Abraham the intercessor, who before God boldly spake, Gen 18:23-33  
 Preserving Lot and his daughters, for how the Master is pleased Gen 19:15 & 30  
 When we humbly seek His face for our precious families.

He remembered Rachel and Hannah, the wounds that ran so deep, Gen 30:22  
 And the many nights when, no doubt, they cried themselves to sleep; 1 Sam 1:7-8  
 And granted both what once seemed an improbable joy – Gen 30:22-24  
 That of having and holding their long-sought baby boy. 1 Sam 1:20 & 27-28

He remembered strongman Samson, He heard his last poignant call,  
 Whose one weakness, women, brought his tragic downfall; Judg 16:18-21  
 But praying 'Remember me' in ignominy and shame, Judg 16:28  
 God stepped in, answered prayer, vindicating His great name. Judg 16:29-30

He remembered the dying thief, who, at the eleventh hour, Lk 23:39-42  
 In faith sought the One still mighty in saving power, Is 63:1  
 And found welcome, mercy, pardon, in the open arms of Christ, Lk 23:43  
 Who assured 'You'll today be with Me in paradise.'

The extremity of our circumstances, or lateness of the hour  
 Can in no way inhibit God's transforming power; Jn 11:39-44  
 He never forgets His children, whom He loves and empowers, 2 Pet 1:3-4  
 Though so often His timeframes bear little resemblance to ours. Jn 11:21-22

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His way ever is perfect, timing a key part of the story, Ps 18:30  
For our ultimate good, and His ultimate glory;  
He has a set time for everything to come to pass, Eccl 3:1-8; Gal 4:4  
And His delays aren't His denials, though hard for us to grasp. Ps 37:23-24

We have a double confidence – as God looks down from above,  
He never forgets our work, or our labour of love; Heb 6:10  
And all who come, in faith, through Jesus Christ, the Door, Jn 10:9  
Their sins and iniquities He will remember no more. Heb 10:17

As God remembered individuals from off the scripture page,  
So He remembers His people in any and every age;  
When we've none else to rely on, in times of sore distress, Ps 27:10  
We can depend upon God, and His unfailing faithfulness. Lam 3:22-23

The God who counts the stars in the infinite skies,  
Calls each one by name – so we must realise  
That there is no danger He'll turn a deaf ear, 1 Pet 3:12  
Or forget His own children, or their cries fail to hear.

If you love the Saviour, and at the cross have bowed, 1 Jn 4:19  
A book of remembrance God is writing even now; Mal 3:16  
He who remembers forgets none, and, at the appointed time, Jn 10:28-29  
When He makes up His jewels, He has promised 'You are mine.' Mal 3:17