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Psalm 106:44, **“Nevertheless he regarded their affliction when he heard their cry:...”**

The Lord is mindful of the affliction suffered by His children. A few days ago, a nine year old girl was abducted near where I taught school for a year from 1998-1999. Her body was found near there, leaving the family, community, and our whole area mourning this tragedy. There has been a great outpouring of affection and sympathy shown to the family and the love for this girl has been greatly manifested and has touched us all. There is much wickedness and evil throughout the world, not just in our area. Another such place is in Northern Iraq where innocent people, including children, are now being slain through pure hatred of Christians and those who believe differently than themselves. It behooves us to pray for our families, our churches, our nation, and all others who believe in the freedoms we have been blessed to have from our Lord. Please remember, no matter how bad it gets, or how bad it may seem now, the Lord is mindful of the afflictions faced by His children. David, in Psalm 106:44, said the Lord **“regarded their affliction when he heard their cry.”** There was a time during the life of Joel the Prophet when God’s children were under attack by their enemies. In Joel 1:13 the prophet exhorted the people to **“Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,..”** We would do well in our churches and in our nation to **“cry unto the Lord”** for His watch-care among us. Luke reminds us of how much the Lord regards His children when he told of five sparrows that were **“sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God”?** (Luke 12:6). Then we receive great comfort from verse 7 which reads, **“Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.”** Let us therefore remain faithful and declare as Paul did in I Thessalonians 5:25, **“Brethren pray for us”** and all who are facing affliction. *Think about it!*

