

Psalms 56:8, "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?"

David, the King of Israel, was a man who faced many troubles and trials. As a young man, he was forced to flee for his life because of the envy and jealousy of Saul of Kish. As an older man, he saw so many troubles in his own family. There were times when he saw the death of his own children. On one occasion he was separated from his own home because of the sinful ambitions of his son Absalom. In Psalms 56, we are able to see some of those struggles when he wrote in verses 1 and 2, "Be merciful unto me, O God; for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me. Mine enemies would daily swallow me up: for they be many that fight against me, O thou most High."

In verse 8 we see that David understood that the Lord knew all about his troubles. David declared that the Lord knew where he was no matter how far he was forced to journey. When David wrote "Thou tellest all my wanderings", he was saying, Lord, you know exactly where I am in my life. This portion of God's Holy Word is such a comfort and blessing to those who doubt that the Lord knows where they are. How many times have we questioned within ourselves, "Has anyone ever been where I am, suffering what I am suffering?" Even though there are times when the people of this world don't seem to care, the Lord knows the straits of life that the children of God often encounter.

David would also say in this verse of scripture, "put my tears into thy bottle". The Sweet Psalmist understood that, even though there may be men who could care less about the pain and anguish of his heart, the Lord and Savior cared for him at all times. The Lord knew how he felt and saw every tear that rolled across the cheeks of his face (Hebrews 4:15).

Dear child of grace, the Lord is still the same today (Hebrews 13:8). I realize there are times when the troubles of this world are more than we seemingly can bear. What a peace it brings to our hearts to think about our Savior who cares and loves His people. He who knows when every sparrow falls to the ground, also knows the very number of the hairs of your head, has declared that "ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29-31). He who loved you enough to purchase salvation for you by giving His Precious Life on the Cross of Calvary, will always know where you are and what you're going through. No wonder David would say in verse 3, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." Amen!

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