

## *God Is Compassionate*

***“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has born? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!” (Isaiah 49:15)***

One morning while the people of God gathered to worship and praise Him, I was among them. We sing, shout, we clap our hands and praise the King of kings, the Lord of Lords, Jesus the Saviour who offered His life for us when He died on the cross to give us eternal life. It was a glorious and blessed morning as every time we are gathered to worship and listen to God’s words. On that morning, God’s mighty hand was there; He blessed us; He filled us with laughter and joy; He healed our sicknesses; He traded our sorrows, touched every one of us, relieved our burdens and He gave us peace.

In that same morning I was touched when I saw a mother carrying her small child, a boy around 2 years old. He was very active, he never kept still in one place; once he was on the ground he goes to different directions moving to the chairs, bringing disorder and making noise. His mother who came to worship God, she would move to stop him even to carry him up to control his movement. But when she does he would start to shout and cry. This forced his mother to get outside the worship hall to a nearby room. She deprived herself from enjoying God’s Spirit in order not to disturb others. And she waited outside while he was controlled. The mother enjoyed a part of the worship and part of listening to God’s word until the boy was hungry and wanted to eat. So the mother went out again with her son to give him his meal. What I wanted to describe to you more is this: The mother despite of how much the child demands from her she was happy and still gentle, loving and caring to her small child, and trying her best to give him the comfort he needs. This demonstrates the true love of a mother to her child and her genuine motive to sacrifice everything for him. Therefore, I want to use this example to speak about God’s love and God’s care for us.

God’s love and sacrifice for mankind was from the beginning of the creation and was truly demonstrated when God sent His Son Jesus to us: ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.”*** Jesus came down from heaven and gave His life for us. He suffered, died and buried, but on the third day He rose from the dead to give eternal life to everyone who believes in Him.

God’s love for us is unlimited, without condition, always patient and full of grace. His love is always the same yesterday, today and forever. But how about us, do we love and obey God, or we fail and irritate Him? Do we please or displease God? Yes, we do all the negatives! But the word of God tells us, ***“If we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown himself.” (Timothy 2:13)***

We imagine the love of that mother to her child. And we realize how she expressed her love even though the child did not behave well. But the love of God is more than a mother’s love. The love of God is above all as He declared in His word in the Bible; ***“Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has born? Though she may forget, I will not forget you!” (Isaiah 49:15)***

What we see from the love of that mother to his child – how she tolerated him and how she sacrificed the most pleasant moment for him to be fed and to care for his need; that mother may fail to do something for her child in certain occasion, but God will never fail to do everything for His children. For God’s love and care for us is demonstrated in three folds:

- 1- ***He forgives our sins:*** God is faithful and just. If we approach Him and we decide in our hearts to turn away from our own wrong ways, he forgives and accepts us, as the word of God says, ***“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)***
- 2- ***He brings us back to Him and restores us:*** The little child with mother was not aware about his life and not concerned of his surroundings and circumstances but his mother was protecting him. He was not aware of any danger but his mother was watching carefully all his movements to avoid him from any trouble or accident. In the same way God has been doing everything for us. Even before we knew Jesus and even before we have relation with God, while we are living away from Him in the world on life of sin, disobedience, corruption, and deceitful desires, God has been caring for us. How many times were we saved from accidents, sickness, problems and even death? In all these circumstances it was God whose hand protected us and took us away from danger and placed us on His side. God has been trying to bring us back to Him until we meet Jesus in person, believe in Him and have personal relation with Him.
- 3- ***He builds us and gives us the best:*** The mother was giving her child the best food to make him grow and to be in a good health. God gives us the best for our growth. The best food that He gives us is His word that is written in the Bible. So let us consider reading the Bible, meeting for Bible study and gathering with God’s people to praise and worship Him. These occasions are the times where God is feeding us the best spiritual food that is required for us to grow and to build up our soul and spirit in the right way, to enable us to become mature man or woman of God; facing victoriously the life’s trials and hardships and living joyfully to worship and serve God wholeheartedly, having the full assurance that we are saved and we have a place in heaven preserved for us to live with God throughout eternity.

***My dear and beloved:*** Look to all things around and see how God is caring for all that His hand created. Look and see how He cares, even with the little animals, He provides them everything. Meditate on your own personal life and see how much God has done great things for you. Count your blessings, and praise Him for all the good that He has done and pray.

My prayer: *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus. I thank You for your great care and love for me. Thank You for the blood of Jesus that saves me from my sins. Thank You for bringing me near to You and building me up in upright spiritual life, that I can face trials and hardships courageously. Thank You, Lord for You are the One who gives me strength and assurance to be in your loving care till eternity. Thank You Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus’ name, Amen.”*