

Behold I Have Graven Thee Upon The Palms Of My Hand

⇒ **Text:** Isaiah 49:13-16.

⇒ **Intro:**

o We are going to see today from the scriptures that in all situations of life, the Lord remembers us and loves us.

o **Illustration:**

- A preacher was once driving along and he gave this fellow a lift.
- He shared the Gospel and the man received Christ as his Saviour.
- The man stayed for church next day, and decided that he wanted to live in the area and keep coming to that church.
- That week he came to the preacher with a bandage on his arm, with news that he had a surprise for his preacher.
- It turned out that he had tattooed the word 'Jesus' on his arm, because he wanted to tell people what Jesus had done for him.
- The Bible says that we ought not to get tattooed (**Leviticus 19:28**), but God uses this to illustrate His love for us.
- That is what Jesus has done for us.

o The people of Jerusalem said to God in **Isaiah 49:14** 'my Lord hath forgotten me'.

- The Lord replied, 'Can a woman forget her sucking child?' (**v.15**).
- Then in **verse 16** God said, 'Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.'

o **Truth:** - God has engraved us on the palms of his hands.

- When some men tattoo the names of their girlfriends on their arms, it's their way of saying that they love them.

o The Lord Jesus is saying to us:

- 'I love you so much.
- I always think of you.'

o The Israelites said, 'Lord, have you forgotten us?'

- Have you ever felt that the Lord has forgotten you?
- You may think that the Lord could not know your problems.

o God says in **verse 16**, 'Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.'

⇒ **Note:**

o When the Lord uses the word '**Behold**', it is a great sign word, and He is pointing to something special.

- This word points to a real treasure.

o God says, 'You think I'm not conscious of your problems?'

- You don't think I understand your burdens?
- Look, watch this, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands.'

o You may have a photo of your loved ones in your wallet or purse.

- God says, 'Look at my hands.
- I have graven you on the palms of my hands.
- It's there forever.
- As long as my hands live, you are engraved there.'

- o **God does know:**
 - -your burdens today;
 - -your heartaches today;
 - -where you live, and your street address;
 - -your problems;
 - -everything about you;
 - -your sorrows;
 - -your needs;
 - -your perplexities;
 - -your questions;
 - -your distresses.
- o He said, 'Look, I've got you on the palms of my hands.'
 - God reminds us that He knows all about us.
- o God is saying, 'O burdened soul, O wearied heart.
 - Don't think I've forgotten you.
 - If you are facing troubles, burdens and sorrows, and feel that the whole world is falling out from under you, look at my hands.'
- o Your name is engraved on the hands of God the Father.
- ⇒ **Question:** Do you know how many burdens we have here today?
 - o **Answer:** The same number of burdens present as we have people.
- ⇒ The Scriptures say that God has our names in 3 places:
 - o **1) Our names are written on His heart;**
 - o **2) Our names are written on His shoulders;**
 - o **3) Our names are written on the palms of His hands.**
- ⇒ **(1) Our names are in the heart of God,** so God never forgets to love us.
 - o Remember what the Jewish High Priest would wear?
 - He wore the breastplate with the 12 Tribes of Israel engraved on the breastplate, each engraved on a precious stone.
 - **Read Exodus 28:15-21,29.**
- ⇒ **(2) Our names are on God's shoulders,** showing what?
 - o That God always gives us security and supports us.
 - He is always holding us up.
 - **Read Exodus 28:6-12.**
- ⇒ **(3) Our names are on His hands** to show God's care for us.
 - o **God says to us:**
 - 'I've got you in my heart to let you know that I always love you.'
 - 'I've got you on my shoulders to let you know that you are always secure.'
 - 'I've got you in the palms of my hands to let you know that I'll always care for your every need.'
- ⇒ **Conclusion:**
 - o You are engraved on the hands of God with the precious blood of His own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - There are scars in His hands today.

- There are scars in His hands today where He shed His own precious blood to pay for your sins, so you could go to heaven, be saved forever and be a child of God.
- o So with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the engraving took place on the hands of God.
 - **Zech13:6.**
- o Question: Is your name in God's hands?
 - Have you received Jesus Christ as your Saviour?
 - Do so today.
 - Are you engraved in the palms of Christ?