

## Great Pictures of God

### The God who Hears

#### Exodus 3:7 and 4:31

Ever talked with someone who just did not listen?

Frustrating isn't it?

Ever wanted just to have someone to listen?

Good news someone is available

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God who provides – Jehovah-Jireh

God who listens

#### I. Background

Israel in Egypt – guests then slaves

*Exodus 1:8 Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done.*

Oppression grew greater and greater

Hard labor – sons put to death

Moses tried and failed in his strength – banished to desert

#### II. God communicated His compassion to Moses

*Exodus 3:7 Then the LORD told him, "I have certainly seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their cries of distress because of their harsh slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering.*

God noted – I have seen, heard and am aware (know)

##### A. Their affliction

Affliction, poverty, misery

All the circumstances of life that beat us down

##### B. Their cry

The sorrow of their hearts

God sees every tear *You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book. Psalm 56:8*

##### C. Their sufferings

Sufferings and Pains – physical and mental

Grief - due to loss - **Isaiah 53:4**

*Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows<sup>[a]</sup> that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!*

#### III. Israel responds to God's compassion

*Exodus 4:31 Then the people of Israel were convinced that the LORD had sent Moses and Aaron. When they heard that the LORD was concerned about them and had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.*

##### A. Convinced that God was at work

Accepted Moses and Aaron as from the Lord

##### B. They humbled themselves before a God of compassion

Bowed low in reverence for God and His care

##### C. They worshiped God

No changes were made outwardly but, in their hearts,  
Knowing that God had heard was enough

*1 John 5:14 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

#### We Know God hears our cries

*Psalms 10:17 LORD, you know the hopes of the helpless.*

*Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them.*

*18:6 But in my distress I cried out to the LORD;  
yes, I prayed to my God for help. He heard me from his sanctuary;  
my cry to him reached his ears.*

*28:6 Praise the LORD! For he has heard my cry for mercy.*

*31:22 In panic I cried out, "I am cut off from the LORD!"  
But you heard my cry for mercy and answered my call for help.*

*34:15 The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right;  
his ears are open to their cries for help.*

*55:17 Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress,  
and the LORD hears my voice.*

*145:19 He grants the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cries for help and rescues them*

#### We know God care about our pain

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. Hebrews 4:15

1 Peter 5:7 Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

#### What should we not do

Do not fear (over 360 times in Bible)

Because He knows

Because He hears

Do not worry

*Philippians 4:6 Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.*

#### What we should do

Tell Him our needs – cry out to Him

*Isaiah 59:1 Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call.*

Trust Him

*Psalms 37:5 Commit everything you do to the LORD. Trust him, and he will help you.*

### **Psalms 30:5**

**For his anger lasts only a moment,**

**but his favor lasts a lifetime!**

**Weeping may last through the night,**

**but joy comes with the morning.**

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