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A Bottle Full of Tears



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Through the Psalms
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> You have taken account of my wanderings;
> Put my tears in Your bottle;
> Are they not in Your book?
> (Psalm 56:8 nasb)

This is the cry of a desperate soul – someone who knows what it is to be a wanderer, a fugitive, an exile; someone who knows what it is to shed many tears. Yet even in his tears and in his exile, he finds comfort. He realizes that the eye of God is upon him. God is taking note of everything he goes through. A record is being kept in God's book of all that he suffers for righteousness' sake.

Even his tears are not shed in vain. They are tears of grief and loneliness, but not of despair. There is a future to them. At present they are tokens of suffering, but one day each tear will become the theme for a song of praise. So the exile says to God, "Put my tears in Thy bottle – store them up carefully for me." He does not want to lose the theme for even one song.

Suffering is an almost inevitable part of human life, but it is not necessarily evil. Its outcome will depend on how we respond to it. There is a French proverb that says: "To be beautiful one must suffer." Suffering endured in faith and for the sake of righteousness imparts a unique beauty that death cannot destroy.

So do not squander your sufferings! Make sure they are stored for eternity. They will be transformed into a corresponding glory.

"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18).

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