

“Continually Before Me”



Years ago someone had given me a large hand with a small child resting sweetly in its palm. It's a beautiful piece and I love showing it to people. Today, I was thinking about that piece, and something happened. Something that seemed deeper, more profound and extremely personal.

“See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me”
(Isaiah 49:16)

Continually before Him. That's what you are to God! We, beloved, are inscribed, tattooed, imprinted, engraved, etched on the palm of His hand. Us, etched in the palm of His hand. How absolutely incredible is that!

We live in a world where many feel forgotten, unloved or cast aside, yet the Creator of the universe says, “You are continually before” Him.

Think about this. When we love someone, we have that image of them within us. We don't have to be around them to see them. We automatically see them in our mind when we think of them. Their picture comes up .

However, God is saying that your image is with Him, continually engraved upon His palm, ever present before Him. No wonder His thoughts are continually toward us. Your image is graven upon the palms of His hands. God has placed an image of you as close to Himself as possible- on the very palms of His hands. Always close to Him and always right before His face.

The fact that you are engraved on His palm is beyond significant. You are so permanently etched before him that your image can never be erased or blotted out. Nothing can separate your image from God. Your image will never be outdated or no longer available to Him. Nothing you do or don't do can erase you. Engraved means you are permanently there!

How cool is it that you are the object of His affection? He loves you with an unchanging and eternal love. You are eternally secure! You may feel abandoned and even forgotten at times, but God will never forget or forsake those who belong to Him.

He cannot lose sight of you. It's impossible for Him.. You are always before His eyes. God sees you always. God knows what happens to His children before the situations come upon them. He has never lost sight of you.



The final point the Lord used to drive home the significance of this was the image of the cross. Contrary to many pictures, the spikes were driven into Jesus' wrists, not his palms. When Jesus hung on that cross His palms were completely visible to Him. I pray that sinks into your heart. When He hung upon the cross, your image was before Him.

Whatever comes to you in the days ahead, remember this. Your image is imprinted on the palm of His hand. You are continually before Him....

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