

November 3
ACCEPTED PRAYER

“So the master (Lord/Adonai) said to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. (Acts 9:11)

Prayers are instantly noticed in heaven. The moment Saul began to pray *the Master (Lord/Adonai)* heard him. Here is comfort for the distressed but praying saint.

Often when the broken-hearted kneel to pray, all they can do is sigh and sob through tears. Yet those sighs make the harps of heaven thrill with music. And the tears? The tears are caught and treasured by *the strong one (God/Elohim)*. “You put my tears into Your bottle (Psalm 56:8 “*You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle; are they not in Your book?*”) implies that they are caught as they flow.

Beseeking one, even when fear holds back your words, you will be understood by the Most High (**Elyon**). You need only look up with the moist eyes, for “I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears” (Isaiah 38:5 “*Go and tell Hezekiah, ‘Thus says **the redeemer (LORD/Jehovah)**, **the strong one (God/Elohim)** of David your father: ‘I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to your days fifteen years’*”). Tears are the diamonds of heaven, and sighs are in the music of *the Redeemer’s (LORD’s/Jehovah’s)* court. Your prayer, no matter how weak or trembling, will be answered. Our *strong one (God/Elohim)* loves to hear your prayer: “He does not forget the cry of the afflicted” (Psalm 9:12 “*When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble*”).

True, *the Redeemer (LORD/Jehovah)* “will bring down haughty looks” (Psalm 18:27 “*For You will save the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks*”), and “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14 “*I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.*”). *The strong one (God/Elohim)* does not care for the pomp and pageantry of kings. “Your pomp is brought down to Sheol” (Isaiah 14:11 “*Your pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you*”). Nor does *the strong one (God/Elohim)* regard the swell of military music from the pride of man. But wherever there is a sorrowful heart, or a lip quivering, or a deep groan, or a guilty sigh, to that person *the Redeemer’s (LORD’s/Jehovah’s)* heart is open.

He registers our prayers in His memory. He puts them, like rose petals, between the pages of His book of remembrance; and when the volume is opened, a precious fragrance will arise:

Faith asks no signal from the skies,
To show that prayers accepted rise,
Our priest is in His holy place,
And answers from the throne of grace.

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