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HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

In Matthew 10, Jesus spoke of sparrows, two of which were sold in the markets for a penny. Sparrows not very valuable. However, Jesus went on to say that God knows when just one sparrow falls to the ground. He said, "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:30-31). Since God knows when one sparrow falls to the ground, and since He knows the number of hairs on one's head, He knows everything that happens in your life.

Civilta Martin used this teaching of Jesus as a basis for her song "His Eye Is on the Sparrow." She wrote, *"Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come, Why should my heart be lonely, & long for heaven and home, When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He: His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me; 'Let not your heart be troubled,' His tender word I hear, and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts & fears; Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."* This song and the scripture upon which it is based has brought comfort and assurance to those suffering in this life. In times of trial, we need to know that God loves and cares for us.

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit Peter wrote, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7). In what way may we cast all of our cares upon our God? It begins with humility. To humble oneself under the mighty hand of God requires putting away self-pride and yielding one's will to God's will as revealed in His Word. It is not so much that one cannot cast all his or her care upon God, but one who lacks humility **will not** do so for he or she will not acknowledge their need for God's care. It is the person who loves God and who has the right relationship to God who is more than willing to cast all of his or her cares upon God. If you do not have this relationship with God, you can by submitting your will to His will. Then you can cast all your care upon Him knowing that He cares for you. Yes, His eye is on the sparrow and by that you can know that in times of trial He watches over you. greenplainchurchofchrist.org.