



THE LORD THAT FEELS FOR AND WITH US by Rev. Ishaku Izang NCFI IB Member, Nigeria

Exodus 3:7-8a "The Lord said, I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So, I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land..."

The people of Israel were in great anguish, pains and troubles because of the Egyptians oppression as ordered by a new king who did not know Joseph, **Exo. 1:8-11**. However, God appeared to Moses and said to him, "I have indeed **seen** the misery of my people, I have **heard** them crying, and I am **concerned** about their suffering; So, I have **come down to rescue** them..." What a way to comfort and encourage the people of Israel in their times of despair.

Therefore, gleaning from this passage, in our daily struggles of our lives we are assured that He sees, He hears, He is concerned and will surely come down to help or rescue us in all of our life's challenges. The Scripture assures us in **Isaiah 63:9 "In all their distress he too was distressed"**. The Lord also feels our joy, **Psalms 149:4 "The Lord takes delight in his people"**. **Zeph. 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you, in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing"**.

Dearly beloved of the Lord, no matter what you might be passing through, do not be dismayed, do not be discouraged. Always remember that the Lord God Almighty has real and genuine feelings for us in all our troubles. He is not indifferent, removed far away from us, but He is one who loves and delights in us. In our pains and despair let us draw close to Him for He feels with

and for us. He is the same **I AM** who still hears, still comes, and still burns brightly in our wildernesses today.

Are you troubled, in pains and in despair of life? **Isaiah 43:2-4**; remember the Lord said, *“I will be with you”* in all of the challenges of life; and because *“I love you; I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life”*. The Psalmist said, **Psalm 23:4** ***“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me”***. No matter the situations or circumstances you might be going through, remember you are serving a God who understands and comes alongside you; who feels with and for you.