

The Wednesday Word, March 6, 2019: Numbered Hairs

"But the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Matthew 10:30).

A doctor once tried to count the number of hairs on the human head. Taking a fairly hairy head, he found the number of hairs on a square inch of surface to be 1,066. This he estimated would give 127,920 for the whole head, while thicker heads of hair might have 150,000 hairs.

150,000!!!! And these hairs are all numbered!

Who said that?

It was Christ Himself, the God-man. He said, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." Notice, He doesn't say they are counted but numbered. Numbering is something above and beyond counting. Many things are counted, but not all numbered.

The numbering speaks of additional and special care.

Numbering implies a marking.

Numbering suggests a special noting.

Numbering infers a labelling.

The very hairs of our heads have all been numbered." What immense care He has for His people!

God knows us intimately and minutely. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He has numbered every hair, even though they are of little value and not one of them, like the sparrow, falls to the ground apart from our Father's will.

One old time preacher said it like this, "Such is the marvelous and inconceivable knowledge of Christ Jesus that, if a hair fell from the head of one of His children and was carried by the winds of heaven across the wide-spreading ocean, the Lord would know to whose head that single hair belonged."

This is a wonderful truth that warms our hearts when all around us is spiritually cold.

Let's ask for a moment, what is the source of this numbering? Were our hairs numbered by an angel who was specially trained for the task? No, the numbering is done by our Father in heaven. Of course, there are many who will dispute that statement about our hairs being numbered as being extravagant and extreme. This statement is not to be taken literally they say. But that shouldn't bother us. It was Jesus who said it and we believe Him. His words are neither false nor exaggerated.

Jesus said it,
That settles it.

I believed it,
That settled me.

May we let the Master's words encourage us. The Lord really takes meticulous care of His blood bought people.

This truth is further illustrated in the following scripture.,

"But Zion said, The Lord has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet will I not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you upon the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me" (Isaiah 49 15-16).

Notice the mother and the sucking child. In most cases, the mother will at all costs protect and provide for the baby. How much more will the Lord protect His own children?

Also He says, "I have engraved you upon the palms of My hands." He doesn't say he has written us on His hands, that would have been a great thing, but to engrave, to cut our names into His hands! What a symbol of His immense love for His blood bought.

Of course, this language points us to the day when the hands of the young Prince of Glory were nailed to the cross. They were nailed there for the sins of those whose names were carved there.

Whatever our problems – The Lord is with us. The Lord understands and the Lord can help.

As Spurgeon said, "God reckons everything about His people to be so precious that He even takes stock of the hairs of their heads."

And that's the Gospel Truth!