

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 reasonably 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.

Just think of it, 150,000 hairs and, according to our text, these hairs are all numbered!

It was Christ Jesus, the God-man who taught us this truth. He taught that the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Notice, the Master doesn't say that the hairs of the head 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 labeling.

The very hairs of our heads have all been numbered."

What immense care He has for His people!

We are safe!

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 marvellous 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 beautiful heartwarming truth.

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, many 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.

We are safe!

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?

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Also, He says, "I have engraved you upon the palms of My hands." He doesn't mean 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.

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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."*

Can you doubt this kind of love for you? Be assured, He will never lose you.

We are safe!

[The mighty Scottish preacher, Horatius Bonar, had an exceptional gift to express the glory of the gospel.](#) He was once asked if a man could lose his salvation. Bonar replied, *"Yes, and the sooner he does so the better that he might lay hold of God's salvation!"*

God's salvation can not be lost. We are so dear and special to Him that He numbers our hairs.

We are safe!