

Ph. 12:6

through many a forest
I flight in many a spray
I have to learn a compass
I must lose my way



SUBJECT: The Fifth Sparrow

Whispering
To the father is always smiling
And he will care for me
I am a bird

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A LITTLE SPARROW

I'm only a little sparrow
A bird of low degree
My life is of little value
But there's One who cares for me.

He gives me a coat of feathers,
'Tis very plain, I know,
With never a speck of crimson
For it was not made for show.

It keeps me warm in winter,
It shields me from the rain
Were it brodered with gold or purple
Perhaps it would make me vain.

I have no barn nor storehouse,
I neither sow nor reap,
God gives me a sparrow's portion,
With never a seed to keep.

My meal is sometimes scanty,
Close picking makes it sweet,
I have always enough to feed me,
And life is more than meat.

I fly through many a forest,
I light on many a spray,
I have no chart or compass,
But I never lose my way.

I fold my wings at evening,
Wherever I may be,
For the Father is always watching,
And no harm will come to me.

And the night car for me.

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L.R. 13:6

The Fifth Sparrow

Mt. 10:29-31 the two sparrows for a farthing (= 1/4 ¢)
 Mk. 12:6-7 the five " " two farthings (= 1/2 ¢)

The market scene in Jerusalem.

Long, narrow, steep alley. ^{market scene} Living catalogue of a market: for the poor. She comes, salutes old market keeper. She looks at all the meat. He knows what she will buy. "Two sparrows for a farthing" Unkind bird in ^{sack} ^{middle} one copper as counter. Pushes forward two sparrows. Unhappily another bird. Another copper. Two sparrows pushed forward. "But," demands Martha in words so often used they had been lifted into the category of a proverb: "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings?" An extra bird to complete a sale, trade. However, stew.
 → thrown in for nothing

Jesus picks out that extra bird as example of what men consider of little value. Who knows? who cares? the fifth sparrow. But Mk. 12:6 not one of them....

The Application: God's infinite care for man.

1. Things of the world that argue for our worthlessness

In a capitalist world.
 - Kingsley
 - originally from
 - mine field

- (1) World philosophy, survival of the fittest. Business competition, free you out. Fair you. Every day, tough... Jesus had not so much in Chicago, fronts of African grasses as here. (1) Kingsley, "this is the law of the jungle..."
- (2) Group consciousness, individual snuffed out. Withered. Totalitarian state - past, present, future. 500,000 demonstrate in Paris, one million in Moscow. Capitalist state almost as bad: Automobile plant, "What do you do?" "Fighter Bilt & 39" ^{org. in woods}

Totalitarianism.
 - common people

Scientific world.

- (3) The disclosure of science. Chemist solves septims within the atom. Antennae, millions of light years, individual elements in infinitesimal dimensions. A naturalist said that when he looked at the starry heavens, he experienced a cosmic chill. Pascal wrote, "The eternal silence of infinite space terrifies me." A great scientist, one question: "Is the universe friendly?" (a) The little girl calling from bedroom: "Daddy are you there?" When he father spoke, all quiet, peace. One call into the dark, "Father are you there?" Oh, for an answer!

(a) Rotary Club, Dr. Harding
 of Ark. U.

(b) Hall Carr's
 Narnia.

2. The answer of you.

(1) How intimately God knows us.

In it all, who are not lost to him. The world, machine, system, time, space. The little sparrows. The very hairs of our heads.

Argument here for the reality of God. Those who know me intimately are real. Near seen given England - a justice to me. But wife, mother, father. They are real. But they don't know me that way - all. Making sleeping.

(2) How God cares.

Who cares, whether we live or die?

(a) May 28, 1938 buried during Minnett today, 89 years old. Outlined friends, acquaintances. One saw. His service, the few that, flying by, about last, on 08, front woman hands of soil, care worn, point in his face. Child, put his hand on the old man's head. Somebody care. A tree. The admonition to me - "must care. The friends now you know who would take care of you, even if they would, are gone. New people, generation, face."

(b) Ship - from for a man, not a soul came. Colored a hamburger, may to me in me, my eye quite clear, had put away with respect.

Infinite love of God.

- (a) The old negro dying, (Grazes him. The cat.
- (b) The people on the streets.

Shin him to me - that not Jerry Marable Boardman Woodruff or etc. etc.

That Fifth Sparrow

1. Is a child. (a) Some meaning.

(a) Moody, "Two and a half."

2 given out a child? No. 2 children to a year now. Said and, (at 10).

(c) Bodyguards, "Nothing ever happens around here."

2. In any old ^{God} ~~place~~. "stand by me"

(a) Miss the Balladoms, "Take your burden to the Lord?"

(b) Old Bro M. in with.

In the wayward.

3. Is the poor.

The church that lives, ministers to the poor. (a) The new Bennett

4. Is the lost.

Above. (a) Old negro dying

Here. (b) PF 40. abx Posey

and missed the man in Panama City, a man of the same. From Tuesday night. Born in Alabama? 7, that age. This church, church seat. You Criminal? Born in Alabama? 7, that age. Can't not regard for them. I am, the blacksmith - you a little boy every time in my shop. I J.S. superintendent - you in the coal class. How you great tonight - can you see the little boy I know. O.K. the grace of God - the miracle of God!

Panama City, 10/40
Little P.M. Oct. 41
Chis 11/39
Dunbar 4/40
Sunderland M. 1/40

Dedicated to Dr. W. A. Criswell, whose prayers for the
unknown "Fifth Sparrow" some years ago helped to change
my life.

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MY LIFE IS IN GOD'S HANDS

By Barbara A. Elam

My life is in God's hands.
I cannot rush His blessing,
or hasten help from Him
until He wants
to give it!
He must decide!
And if my heart faints
while I wait,
He will, somehow, sustain me
till the time when
He is ready.

My soul is God's;
and so, My times are in His hands.
He knows what's best for me;
and, imperfect though I am,
He will perfect that which
He chooses.
His answered prayer
is better than my best.
And so,
I will hang on
and rest,
content to wait for Him
until He answers me...
because...
my life is in His hands.

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II. The words of Jesus.

We are not lost to God. There's grace, life, death --
The little sparrows; the very hairs of our heads.

(c) Poem "A little sparrow."

That fifth sparrow is

1. A little child

(a) Home ministry - Angel, kid in the center, he so young, so little.
Held out his hand as people passed by - 80%. never bothered to shake or

(b) Truly right? your name not? Faith, walk, witness?
3000 centuries, what? 2 is the number. You play and you
2 SS. right - you in this class?
Thought you'd get by! Oh, the young ones!

2. The old forgotten, call it An ~~old~~ man.

In my soul - that was minister to our people.
They so faithful in days past. We forget this name?

3. The poor.

Impersonal government programs.

The Lord, message of Jesus

(a) "Crown of Suffering" p. 72 of 82.

Any church that bless, remember the poor.

(a) Bayla, not course - old ways say. Back to visit my folks, 2 Rev.

4. The lost

(a) PF also Poetry

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