

with *Uncle Pee.*

YOU ARE ENGRAVED IN HIS PALM

Text: Isaiah 49 v 16.

Have you ever wondered if God has abandoned you? Or have you ever asked God why have you forsaken me? well if you have, you wouldn't be the first person. Many other persons, past and present have asked similar questions when they are faced with daunting challenges or difficult situations that end their existence. When the nation of Israel sinned and God permitted that they should be taken as captives into Babylon, not a few Israelites wondered if God had forgotten them in fact the pangs of exile and the sufferings they experienced in a foreign land made think that God had cast them off like a worthless vessel. But in response to their fear and perplexity, God answered them like a compassionate and caring father concerned for his children's comfort. He said to them in Isaiah 49 v 15 can a woman forget her sucking child that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget yet will I not forget thee. Yes, it is most likely for a woman to forget her sucking child or fail to love an infant who came from her own body which is a piece of herself. Yes, we see it happening women dumping their newborn babies in pit toilets or abandoning them. Even in the most extreme or unnatural circumstances she forgets to have compassion on her child, God say emphatically I will not forget thee. And because of his love and tender care for humanity he says in Isaiah 49 v 16 behold I have gravened thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

This statement paints one of the most wonderful and powerful picture of God's everlasting love and constant care for his children in all of the scripture. This words is not only for the Christians of old it is also for us. Irrespective of the situation we found ourselves we have a father who cares and love us. we are engraved on the palm of his hands and he will always remember us, he remembered Noah, he remembered Hagar and Ishmael, he remembered Sarah, he remembered the children of Israel and delivered them from pharaoh, the Lord will remember Nigeria. He remembered job, Hannah, the lame man at the pool side 35 years. When something is engraved, It means it cannot be removed, washed away, blotted out or erased. Consequently, it is unforgettable, lasting and cannot be

lost or annulled. This is the place and position of all persons who have come into a covenant relationship with God by grace through the atoning blood of Jesus So while the whole sinful world may live in fear ravaged by troubles and sinking in despair you have a father in God who has promised to take care of all that concerns and he has sealed this commitment by engraving you in the palm of his hands. He watches over you psalm 121 v 3-4 These assuring promises should serve as an anchor for your soul and bring comfort and peace to your troubled hearts. God has kept you under his ever watchful eyes, he sees all you are going through and he will protect you and give you victory in Jesus name, he will never leave or abandon you. His Word is ever true and sure. He never fails, has he said it He will surely bring it to pass.

The fact that He has engraved us in His palm could only mean one thing. He sees us and knows all we are going through. He knows all our challenges and shortcomings and He is ever faithful to see us through. But on our own part we need to trust and believe He is able to do abundantly more than we can ever imagine according to His power that works in our life. We must trust and have confidence in His ability to show up for us at all times irrespective of the circumstances we are going through. Sometimes circumstances may begin to make us feel that He has abandoned us and this could create fear but if we hold unto our faith and trust in Him He will certainly deliver no matter how long it appears to be. God is a champion in addressing the needs and request of those who are called by His name. As we continue to look up to Him and trust in His

word and promises for our life, He promised that He will never leave us alone. May the Lord give us understanding never to give up on Him in Jesus name. God is so passionate about those who have surrendered their lives to Him by embracing and submitting to the authority of His son Jesus Christ. If you reading this piece and yet to surrender to Jesus, jut bow your head and ask Him for mercy. Promise that henceforth you will live to please and do His will. Just surrender to Him and your life will never be the same again. Read me again next month.

