

"apple of his eye"

(A name God uses for his people - Cherished)

First time used in the Bible: Deuteronomy 32, verse 10.

"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."

Another use in the bible: Zechariah 2, verse 8:

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

INFORMATION

The term "apple of his eye" is used to indicate something that is the center point or focus of one's eye. So, God is saying that his people are the center of his attention, they are cherished uniquely above other things. The term is used at least 5 times in the Old Testament with slight variations. The Hebrew translation for this phrase was "'iyshown 'ayin (עֵינַן אִישׁוֹן)". This literally means "little man of the eye", which is a reference to the tiny reflection of yourself that you see in other people's pupils. From this, we can see that God truly made us in his own image. When God looks at his people, through the saving blood of Jesus, he sees his people as the "apple of his eye"; they are cherished and receive great attention.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We are not just numbers or names on a page somewhere. God cherishes us, each and every one of us. To be cherished by God is something wonderful that we should never forget. Being so cherished, we can feel confident in speaking to God, through prayer, and that he, not only hears us, but is interested in our needs. We should not take advantage of our place in God's eye, but we can rest easy knowing that no matter how terrible our sin, God, through Jesus blood, considers us the apple of his eye.

Relevant Passages

Psalm 118:6

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Isaiah 49:15-16

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. 16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:31-35

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2 Corinthians 8:9

For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.