

# Awareness

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When I was grieving, I cried out to You and begged that You would send me comfort. But You, the God of all comfort were already there, comforting me.

I cried out to You when I was anxious and begged You for peace that I could not find. But You, the faithful God who keeps all of Your promises, had already poured out upon me the peace that passes understanding.

I cried out to You when I was poor, begging for Your provision and asking that You would meet my need. But You, who knows every hair upon my head and sees each and every sparrow, had already seated me in a field of manna.

I cried out to You in the midst of my chaos when I was unable to find rest and asked You to quiet my mind. But You, the Great Shepherd, had already made me to lie down in green pastures and sit by still waters.

I cried out to You from the depths of my loneliness, begging You to send me a companion to walk with. But you, Holy Spirit, were already walking with me, closer than a brother or sister ever could.

I cried out to You when I was full of sin and shame, begging that You would cover my nakedness. But You, the God of compassion, had already separated me from my sin as far as the east is from the west. And You had already clothed me in a garment of righteousness.

I cried out to You when I felt hopeless and wondered if I had reached my end. But You, sovereign Lord, were already there carefully holding within the palm of Your hand Your plans of hope for my future.

When I felt overrun by my enemy and unsure of the warfare I should wage, You had already sent angels of war and chariots of fire to stand beside me and bring defeat to my enemy.

I have cried out to You with all the desires of my heart, only to find that You, my Lord and my King, had already answered my prayers before I began to speak.

So today I come before you Lord, asking for the one thing that I still truly lack. Would you grant my spirit the awareness to see everything You have provided that is already sitting here right in front of me in this very moment.