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Caring for the Uncared For

*As a father has compassion on his children,
so God has compassion on me.*

I have written a little booklet entitled *Orphans, Widows, the Poor and Oppressed*. This booklet astonishes me. As I wrote yesterday, even after I had been preaching for well over fifty years, and when I had the impression that I would be preaching for the rest of my life, God gave me a new kind of compassion I never expected to receive. My rendering of Psalm 84:6 is, “When you pass through the Valley of Baca [weeping], God will open a fountain.”

I have passed through the valley of weeping, and God has opened that fountain for me. It is something sovereign that only God could do. It is compassion. I have become deeply concerned—almost passionately—about the people our society neglects and treads underfoot: the orphans, the widows, the poor, and the oppressed. I am amazed by how much the Bible has to say about our responsibility to care for them. From cover to cover of the Bible, it is a major theme of God’s righteousness—whether it is in the Patriarchs, under the Law of Moses, in the Prophets, or in the New Testament.

Generally speaking, we, as Christians, have completely missed a vital area of our faith and our profession, which is to care for those whom no one else cares for.

Thank You, Lord, that You care so much.

I proclaim the truth of Psalm 84:6:

**“When you pass through the Valley of
Baca [weeping], God will open a
fountain.” I proclaim that I will walk in
this vital area of faith and profession,
caring for those for whom no one else
cares. As a father has compassion on his
children, so God has compassion on me.**

Amen.