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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 165

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His** <u>sympathetic</u> love. Heb. 4:15, "For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to <u>sympathize</u> with our weaknesses, but we have One Who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin."

The Greek word for *sympathize* is *sumpathesai* which means *full of compassion for us*. As we looked at the word mercy yesterday, it is interesting that the author of Hebrew uses this word in the verse preceding that verse. God's love is so big and so strong and so deep that we really can't comprehend the full measure. This is but a glimpse of His infinite love for you and for me. When God looks upon us, His heart is full of sympathy and compassion for us. He knows the temptations that we all face because He was tempted just like we are; in every way. But because He has no sin nature, nor can He sin, he did not succumb to the temptation. He experienced every temptation that we have. **Ps. 103:13-14**, *"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are but dust."*

Our God knows us, better than we even know ourselves. He knows what we feel. He sees our weaknesses. He hears our cries in the night. And, He loves us through it all. It reminds me of the lyrics of the song by **Andre Crouch -** *Through It All:*

I've had many tears and sorrows I've had questions for tomorrow There's been times I didn't know right from wrong But in every situation God gave me blessed consolation That my trials come to only make me strong

Through it all Through it all I've learned to trust in Jesus I've learned to trust in God Through it all Through it all I've learned to depend upon His Word

Dear Father, we praise You that You are such a loving and caring Father. You desire only good for us. You watch over us and protect us. Your love is never ending. Thank You for Your compassion. In Jesus Name, Amen