# God Cares

# The Hebrew nation were in servitude for a great number of years. They were slaves in Egypt, and the Egyptians treated them as though they had a right to control in soul, body, and spirit.

But the Lord was not indifferent to their condition, He had not forgotten His oppressed people. The record says: "God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and

And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them." "The Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters;

for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land, and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey." – {SW

When God called Moses to be His instrument in delivering the Hebrew nation out of cruel bondage, Moses considered the difficulties of the situation, and thought of the obstacles that he would have to encounter in doing this great work.

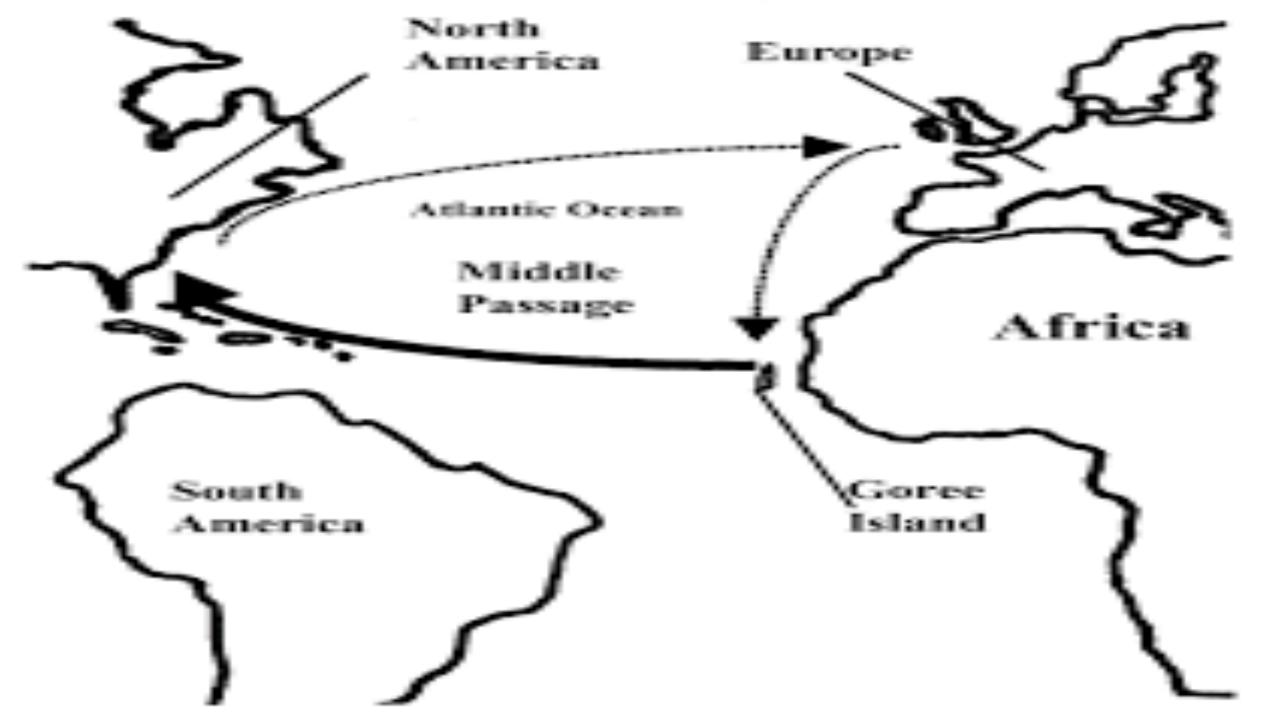
### He knew that the people were in blindness and ignorance, that their minds had become beclouded in faith, and that they were almost destitute of a knowledge F God

He said: "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great iudaments:

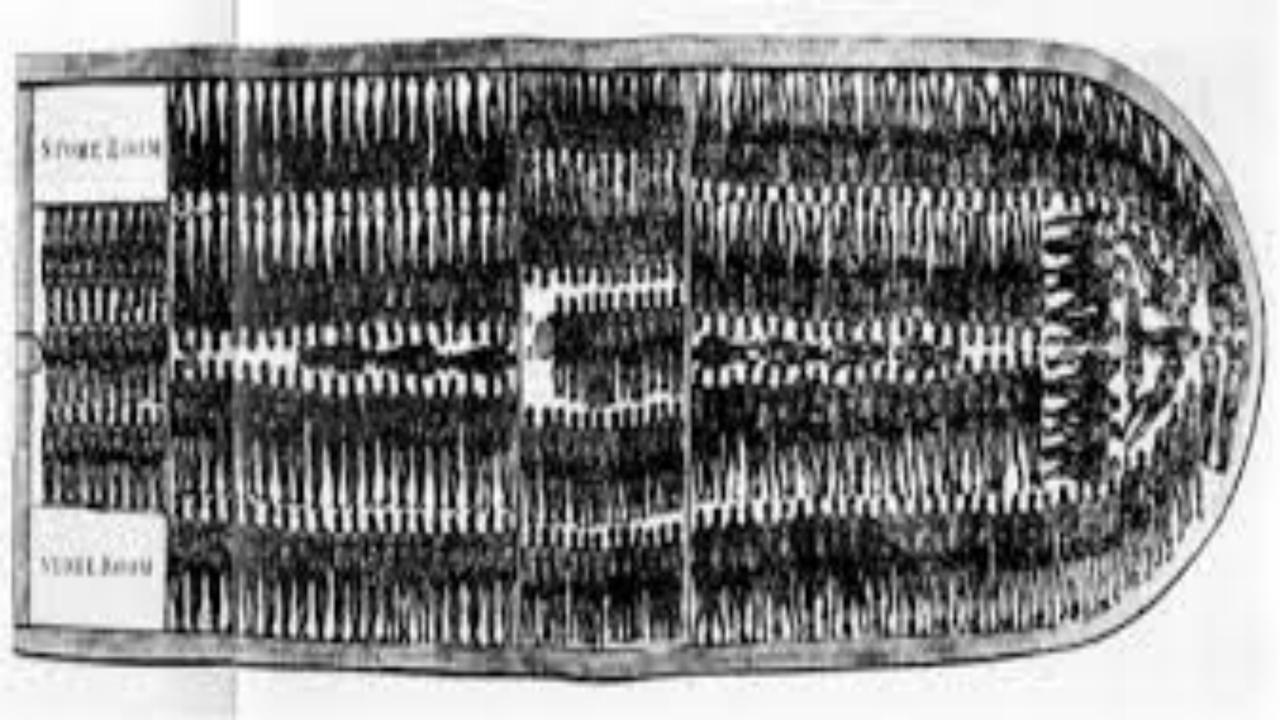
# and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

# **But the Hebrew** nation is not the only nation that has been in cruel bondage, and whose groaning's have come to the ears of the Lord of hosts.

The Lord God of Israel has looked upon the vast number of human beings who were held in slavery in the United States of **America.** The United **States has been a refuge** for the onnreced











It has been marvelously preserved from war and bloodshed. God saw the foul blot of slavery upon this land, He marked the sufferings that were endured by the colored people.

# He moved upon the hearts of men to work in behalf of those who were so cruelly oppressed. The **Southern States became** one terrible battlefield.

**The graves of American** sons who had enlisted to deliver the oppressed race are thick in its soil. Many fell in death, giving their lives to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to

God spoke concerning the captivity of the colored people as verily as He did concerning the Hebrew captives, and said: "I have surely seen the affliction of my people ..., and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to

The Lord wrought in freeing the **Southern slaves; but He designed** to work still further for them as He did for the children of Israel, whom He took forth to educate, to refine, and ennoble. Christ Himself wrought with His appointed leaders, and directed them as to what they should do for His people that had become so terribly

Those who study the history of the Israelites should also consider the history of the slaves in America, who have suffered, who have been educated in crime, degraded, and oppressed, and left in ignorance to perish.

**Their physical freedom was** obtained at a great loss of life, and **Christians generally should have** looked with compassion upon the colored race, for which God had a care. They should have done a work for them that would have uplifted them. They should have worked through the wisdom of God to educate and train them.

We have been very neglectful of our colored brethren, and are not yet prepared for the coming of our Lord. The cries of these neglected people have come up before God. Who has entered into the work since their deliverance from bondage, to teach them the

The condition of the colored people is no more helpless than was the condition of the Hebrew slaves. The children of Israel were addicted to licentiousness, idolatry, gluttony, and gross vices. This is ever the result of slavery. **But the Lord looked upon His** people, and after their deliverance He educated them. They were not

The neglect of the colored race by the American nation is charged against them. Those who claim to be Christians have a work to do in teaching them to read and to follow various trades and engage in different business enterprises.

# Many among this race have noble traits of character and keen perception of mind. If they had an opportunity to develop, they would stand upon an equality with the whites.

### **IOI GREAT AFRICAN AMERICANS**

CIVIL RIGHTS LEADERS/ACTIVISTS Julian Bond (1940-2015) • Ralph Bunche (1904-1971) • Medgar Evers (1925-1963) • Clara Hale (1905-1992) • Jesse Jackson (1941-) • Coretta Scott King (1927-2006) • Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968) • Opal Lee (1926-) • Rosa Parks (1913-2005) • Mary Church Terrell (1863-1954) • Harriet Tubman (c.1820-1913) • Ida B. Wells-Barnett (1862-1931) • Roy Wilkins (1901-1981) • Andrew Young Jr. (1932-)



ACTORS/ARTISTS Alvin Ailey Jr. (1931-1989) • Chadwick Boseman (1976-2020) • Elizabeth Catlett (1915-2012) • Morgan Freeman (1937-) • Sidney Poitier (1927-2022) • Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937) • Cicely Tyson (1924-2021)

#### EDUCATORS/HISTORIANS Mary McLeod Bethune (1875-1955)

- Mamie Phipps Clark (1917-1983) W. E. B. DuBois (1868-1963)
- John Hope Franklin (1915-2009) James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) • Alain Locke (1885-1954) • Booker T. Washington (1856-1915) • Carter G. Woodson (1875-1950)

#### ENTREPRENEURS Berry Gordy Jr. (1929-)

• Robert L. Johnson (1946-) • A. Philip Randolph (1889-1979) • Madam C. J. Walker (1867-1919) • Maggie Lena Walker (1864-1934) • Oprah Winfrey (1954-)

EXPLORERS Guion Bluford Jr. (1942-) • Bessie Coleman (1892-1926) • Matthew Henson (1866-1955) • Mae Jemison (1956-)

MUSICIANS Marian Anderson (1897-1993) • Louis Armstrong (1901-1971) • Nat King Cole (1919-1965) • Miles Davis (1926-1991) • Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993) • Duke Ellington (1899-1974) • Ella Fitzgerald (1917-1996) • W. C. Handy (1873-1958) • Lena Horne (1917-2010) • Mahalia Jackson (1911-1972) • Kendrick Lamar (1987-) • Charlie Parker (1920-1955) • Leontyne Price (1927-) • Paul Robeson (1898-1976) • Bessie Smith (c.1894-1937) • Stevie Wonder (1950-)

#### POLITICIANS/PUBLIC SERVANTS Ronald Brown (1941-1996)

Shirley Chisholm (1924-2005) • Benjamin O. Davis Sr. (1877-1970)
Kamala Harris (1964-) • Barbara Jordan (1936-1996) • John Lewis (1940-2020) • Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) • Constance Baker Motley (1921-2005) • Barack Obama (1961-) • Colin L. Powell (1937-2021) • Robert C. Weaver (1907-1997)

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#### SCIENTISTS/INVENTORS Donna Auguste (1958-) • George



Washington Carver (c.1864-1943) • Charles R. Drew (1904-1950) • Lloyd Augustus Hall (1894-1971) • Katherine Johnson (1918-2020) • Lewis Latimer (1848-1928) • Elijah McCoy (c.1843-1929) • Garrett A. Morgan (1877-1963) • Neil deGrasse Tyson (1958-) • Daniel Hale Williams (c.1858-1931)

#### SPORTS HEROES Hank Aaron (1934-2021) • Muhammad

Ali (1942-2016) • Arthur Ashe (1943-1993) • Althea Gibson (1927-2003) • Jack Johnson (1878-1946) • Michael Jordan

(1963-) • Jackie Joyner-Kersee (1962-) • Carl Lewis (1961-) • Jesse Owens (1913-1980) • Jackie Robinson (1919-1972) • Bill Russell (1934-2022) • Serena Williams (1981-)

WRITERS Maya Angelou (1928-2014) • James Baldwin (1924-1987) • Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) • Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906) • Ralph Waldo Ellison (1914-1994) • Amanda Gorman (1998-) • Alex Haley (1921-1992) • Lorraine Hansberry (1930-1965) • Langston Hughes (1902-1967) • Zora Neale Hurston (1891-1960) • Toni Morrison (1931-2019) • Alice Walker (1944-) • Richard Wright (1908-1960)

> Pictured on cover, clockwise from top left: Coretta Scott King, August Wilson, Lucille Clifton, Ketanji Brown Jackson, Sugar Ray Leonard

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