

KIDS MINISTRY

Discuss: Who are the people mentioned in this verse? (People who are poor, needy, afflicted or suffering)?

Discuss: How would it feel to be poor or suffering? Allow family members to give their ideas. Suggest that people who are in need might feel hopeless; they may even feel that God has forgotten them.

Explain that this verse promises that God will never forget poor and needy people. They are important to Him.

Emphasize that if poor people are important to God, they should be important to God's people.

As a family discuss whether there are ways you can help people in need.

Pray that Jesus will use your family in this way.

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STUDENT MINISTRY

The wicked try to forget God; yet the needy and poor (here describing the godly who are oppressed by God's enemies) are not ... forgotten.

God promises that they will not always feel this way and their expectation will not forever be disappointed.

There are few more painful things than feeling forgotten and feeling disappointed. To those in such pain, God makes these wonderful promises: that they shall not always be forgotten and their expectation will not perish.

Our Heavenly Father will never forget those that remember Him. He will never abandon those that trust His Word and honor His name - for those who believe are not condemned - but those who do not believe in His only begotten Son are condemned already.

We live in a fallen world where men of faith will always suffer trials and tribulations, but the Psalmist offers hope for all who trust in the Lord, even though there may be seasons of lack or times when we feel forgotten or afflicted. We are God's children and have His assurance that we are secure in His hand... for we have received the forgiveness of sin and His promise of life eternal.

Share about a time when you felt forgotten. How did you feel?

How can we as a family be intentional to remember the needy and poor? Brainstorm ways and choose one or two to put into action.