But There Is A God In Heaven

Introduction. Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon. Daniel 2 records that he had a dream that troubled him greatly. He called all of his wise men and magicians together and said to them, "Tell me the meaning of my dream." They replied, "We will try to do that if you will tell us the dream." The king said, "I have forgotten the dream, but you claim to be wise and great men, surely you can tell me what I dreamed and you can tell me the interpretation. If you cannot do this, you will pay with your lives." They were helpless to interpret the dream.

In the city of Babylon, however, there was a young man who was a true friend of God. This young man was Daniel. He went before the king and said, "Give me a little time and I will tell you the dream and the interpretation thereof." He then went home and called three of his friends together and said to them, "I want you to pray with me and ask God to reveal to me the dream and the interpretation." In the middle of the night, after they had prayed long and earnestly, the vision came and Daniel thanked God for revealed the truth to him.

The next day Daniel went before the king and said, "There is not a man upon the earth who could tell you your dream and the interpretation of it, but there is a God in heaven and He has revealed the dream to me." He then told the king the dream and the meaning thereof. The king so much that he gave Daniel many rich gifts and made him ruler over Babylon.

You and I, in every hour of trouble, can say, "But there is a God in heaven." In the midst of war and bloodshed, sorrow and loss, when our homes and heart are being broken, we can remember that there is a God in heaven and that He will cause all things to work out for our good.

I. ***How People Of Old Learned This Lesson***

A. Moses learned this great truth at the Red Sea.

1. Moses needed to know there was a God in heaven (Exodus 14:21-22). Backed up against the Red Sea with the Egyptians bearing down on him and the Israelites, Moses saw that God has power over His creation.
2. Have there been times of great distress for you? Have you been bound in on every side, not knowing which way to go? Has your only path been full of dangers? Just remember that there is a God in heaven.

B. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego learned this great truth in the fiery furnace.

1. In the bowels of a great fire, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego learned there was a God in heaven (Daniel 3:23-27). They were protected by God even to the extent that their hair was not singed nor did their clothes smell of the fire.
2. There may come a time when you are thrown into the fiery furnace of suffering and affliction; but when the time comes just remember that there is a God in heaven. He has more power than all others (1 John 5:4).

C. Peter learned this great truth in the prison cell.

1. When imprisoned by Herod, Peter was reminded there was a God in heaven (Acts 12:3-9). Peter was released by an angel of the Lord and went to the house of Mary the mother of John.
2. There may come a time when you are forced to take a stand either for God. It may mean persecution for you, but remember that there is a God in heaven. Trust in Him today and He will bring you through safely.

II. ***How We Can Learn This Lesson Today***

A. When you sin, there is a God in heaven.

1. There are two facts to remember about this point. First, God knows about your sin. You look all around you and there are no witnesses to what you have done, but God knows. God knows about whether it is committed in the brightness of the midday sun or in the blackness of the midnight hour; He sees every sin that we commit (John 2:24-25).
2. The second thing to remember is that God is quick to forgive us if we confess our sins (1 John 1:9). We are not beyond hope if we fall before Him, confess our sins and ask His forgiveness (Luke 15:20-24).

B. When you are sorrowful, there is a God in heaven.

1. There are many hours when God seems close to us. He seems close to us when we worship, when we look up into a starry night, or when we are blessed with an abundance of material possessions. But surely God is closer in the time of trouble and sorrow than at other times. I hear people say, "If such and such a thing should happen to me, I could not stand it." That very thing may happen to you someday and then will be the time to say, "there is a God in heaven."
2. There are many great comforting texts in the Bible (2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Psalm 23:4; Isaiah 40:28-31) but one of the finest and sweetest is the invitation of Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30). In sorrow, remember that there is a God in heaven.

C. When you get to the end of the way, there will be a God in heaven.
   1. One day death will knock at your door. You will not be able to keep the door locked, and he will come in. The Devil may speak up and say, "I want this soul for my abode." But there is a God in heaven and He will say, "This soul is mine; I have redeemed him; He obeyed My Son and he is safe now and forevermore."
   2. God's promises are sure (John 3:36; 10:29; Romans 8:1; 1 John 2:17). If you are a child of God, you have no need to fear death. There is a God in heaven and He will safely deliver you home on the other shore.

Conclusion. In John 6:16-20, Jesus walked to the boat amidst a great storm. They became very afraid when they saw Jesus coming toward them, but then He said one of the most comforting words, "It is I; be not afraid." One day everyone of us will launch out into the blackness of death. I want to hear, more than anything, Jesus saying, "It is I; be not afraid."

Do you know, obey, and trust the Savior whom Moses, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, and Peter served? If you do, you need never fear. There is a God in heaven. He will watch over you and care for you and take you home safely at last. If you are here and need to correct your life in any way, do it now. Obey the gospel this morning or come back to God and He will open up the way into eternal life for you.