

# This is the Day...Tuesday

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## Even the Squirrels

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside of your Father’s care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29-31)*

We have all had our encounters with those cute little, fuzzy, bushy-tailed creatures known as squirrels. If you live in the country or anywhere near trees, you likely have some squirrel stories. Those pesky little rodents can cause some real havoc around the house. Their sharp claws and teeth give them access to most any structure. I have seen examples of squirrels chewing holes through the soffit of homes and building nests in the attic. I have known them to climb up onto the engine of a car to get warm in the wintertime and chew up all the wires around the engine. And we have all seen them climb our outside bird feeders and even hang upside down as they consume all the seed. Squirrels can be a menace to our lives, and they fall into the category of God’s creation that do not seem to have a real purpose. Sort of like the mosquito and seed ticks, the squirrel does nothing but cause aggravation and destruction.

When I was a young teenager, I was at my Paw Paw’s house one Saturday afternoon. I had just finished mowing his grass and we were sitting together on his back porch, admiring my handy work and enjoying the warm breezy day. About that time, we heard a loud commotion coming from the top of one of the oak trees in Paw Paw’s back yard. As we looked up to see what was going on, Paw Paw and I saw two squirrels fighting out on one of the limbs. Then one of the squirrels fell out of the tree! Even though we did not particularly like squirrels, it was horrible to watch one fall to his apparent death from forty feet in the air to the concrete driveway below. But just as the squirrel was falling, the breezy became stronger and blew the squirrel past the edge of the driveway and onto a pile of leaves. As the squirrel softly landed, Paw Paw and I just looked at each other in amazement and Paw Paw chuckled as he said, “Oh well, I guess God likes squirrels after all.”

We should never lose sight of God’s sovereignty and care over all of His creation. We have all experienced times of pain and sorrow when we questioned God’s presence and purpose in the situation. It is as though our lives are in a freefall and no one cares. But the truth is, God always cares. When you hurt, God has most intimate knowledge of your pain. Your value is far above that of a sparrow or even a squirrel.

On this day which God has given you, whatever you may face, rest in the assurance of God’s presence and provision. Just at the right moment God will make His presence known and carry you on the warm breeze to safety. If He did it for a pesky squirrel, He will do it for you. # 588