But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him, and by his stripes we are healed. – Isaiah 53:5

Imagine being at a party that's all packed into one room and everyone is talking. Under these conditions it's often difficult to hear, or at least understand, what others around you are saying. Now imagine that all of these people look nearly identical. No one has any noticeable distinguishing features that make him different from anyone else in the room. Now, to make matters worse, you have been informed that you are to find the person in the room who was not invited to the party.

That's the impossible situation that honeybees constantly face. However, the noisy room that was just described is noisy in two ways. Bees not only communicate through sound. They also use scents to communicate. And the hive is full of scents. Yet honeybees are constantly alert to bees who are not members of the hive. Invaders are killed. How can bees so successfully protect the hive?

Entomologists have discovered that members of a hive all carry the same chemical password. The scent must be very distinctive because the hive is filled with smells. It also seems that all honeybees may use a specific combination and subtle variations of only two chemicals. Yet, each hive can instantly tell whether another bee carries the specific chemical password.

The complexity of this avenue of beehive defense shows not only a wise and powerful Creator. It also shows us that He cares for what He has created. He cares for you, too. Learn more about the specific details of His love for you in the Bible.

Prayer: I thank You, Lord, that You have loved me so much that You carried the punishment for my sin on Your own body on the cross. Amen.