

Character Profile: "My God cares about me!"

- What the world says: "God doesn't care about me!"
- What the Bible says: "God infinitely cares."

The Bible Proclaims that God Cares

Psalm 56:8-9 Thou tellest my wanderings [kept count of my tossings]: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book? 9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me.

Psalm 86:15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Lamentations 3:21-23 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. 22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

Matt. 10:29-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

Mark 6:34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

Hebrews 4:15-16 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1. Look for key/ repeating words in these verses. Do I see any themes or common ideas?
2. What do these verses teach me about who God is?
3. How do I think incorrectly about God in this area?
4. How does God view me in light of these verses?

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The Bible Displays that God Cares

An Old Testament Example:

God cared for the Israelites while they were in Egypt, during the Exodus, and during their wilderness wanderings. **Hosea 13:4-9** Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me. 5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard by the way will I observe them: 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lion: the wild beast shall tear them. 9 O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.

An Old Testament Picture:

God's care is displayed through the picture of a Shepherd: **Isaiah 40:11** He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Psalm 100:3 Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 78:52-53 But made his own people to go forth like sheep, and guided them in the wilderness like a flock. 53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

Jeremiah 31:10 Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.

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Some New Testament Teaching:

John 16:32 Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Hebrew 2:6-8 But one in a certain place [Psalm 8] testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

A New Testament Picture:

Jesus' care is displayed through the picture of a Shepherd:

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Heb. 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.



How should we apply the truth that "God Cares" in our lives?

"Sometimes it seems to us that no one cares or we ourselves are tempted to dismiss any concern for a given situation saying, "Oh, who cares?" The Scriptures reveal that there is someone who always cares; it is the Lord. God is moreover the ultimate source of the believer's help."¹

Psalm 121:1-2, 8 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. 2 My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.... 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 70:5 But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

"Seeing God as he really is not only brings comfort, but hope and rest, for the suffering believer is thus assured that the Lord's will shall be accomplished to his glory and the believer's good."²

Ecc. 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

*Read the verses to the left and allow them to help you apply truth to your life.

First, **Meditate** on the verses on the left and journal any helpful thoughts here:

1. Because God infinitely cares, what should my response(s) be?

2. What do I need to "put off" in my life?

3. How do I need to "renew my mind" (change the way I think) because of today's verses?

4. What do I need to "put on" because God infinitely cares?

¹ <https://bible.org/article/god-who-cares>

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