

HE CARES FOR YOU!

The following is from an anonymous Puritan writer from a work called "Comfort for the Desponding--Words to Soothe and Cheer Troubled Hearts!". May it comfort your hearts.

"Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you!" 1 Peter 5:7

The Christian's life is very much made up of *cares* and *comforts*.
Cares spring from earth--comfort comes from Heaven.
Cares prove him a sinner--holy comforts prove him a saint.
Cares flow in from a variety of quarters--true comfort from only one quarter.
Cares come naturally--but comforts come supernaturally.

Cares must be cast on our God--or they will prove a burden too heavy for us. They will depress us, bewilder us, and make us wretched. But here is our comfort--we have always ONE to care for us, and the very One which of all others we would wish to do so,
"The *Lord* cares for you!"

God cares for whom?

For you, who are born again by the Spirit.
For you, who are strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
For you, who are placed in humble circumstances, being numbered with the poor of this world.
For you, who are compassed about with so many cares, and who enjoy so few comforts.
For you, who are surprised at your many fiery trials, as though some strange thing had happened unto you.
For you, who are worried and harassed by Satan, who, as a roaring lion, goes about seeking whom he may devour.
For you, who are persecuted by the world, and hated by men for your Savior's sake.
For you, to whom Christ is precious--as He is to every one who truly believes in Him.

God's care extends to *every Christian* . . .

the young and the aged,
the weak and the strong,
the poor and the wealthy,
the doubting and the confident.

Believer, He cares for you!

Who is it that cares for us?

It is *the Lord*, the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy;
who is so *great*--that we have no adequate conception of His greatness;
who is so *good*--that it is impossible fully to set forth His goodness;
who is so *glorious*--that no sinner can see His face and live.

It is He . . .

who *created* all things with His word,
who *governs* all by His wisdom,
and *upholds* all by His power.

His resources are infinite,
His compassion is exquisite, and
His patience is astonishingly great.
He enters into all the circumstances of His redeemed people, is ever present with them, and rejoices over them to do them good.

The angels obey Him,
the seraphim adore Him,
and all creation glorifies Him!

But though He is so exalted, so holy, and so unspeakably great . . .

He cares for you--as vile as you are.

He cares for you--as sinful as you are.

He cares for you--as depressed and discouraged as you are.

He cares for you. He cares for you *individually*, and according to the circumstances in which you are placed.

What does He do?

He *cares* for you!

He *thinks* of you!

He *watches* over you!

He *sympathizes* with you!

He feels the deepest interest in you!

He ever seeks your welfare!

He infallibly secures your good!

Your *misery* touches His heart,
your *needs* lie open to His view,
and your *cries* enter into His ears!

He cares for you more than for the proudest monarch on his throne!

He cares for you--and His care is CONSTANT!
It is not fitful or occasional--but ever the same.

He cares for you--and His care is PATERNAL!
It is the care of a father for his child--the child whom he tenderly loves, and for whose welfare he feels the deepest concern.

He cares for you, and His care is PERPETUAL!
He will never care for you less than He does at present.
When old age weakens you,
when poverty pinches you,
when death appears just before you--
He will care for you as much as He does at this moment.

He cares for you--and His care is BENEFICIAL!
It prevents innumerable evils--and secures the greatest possible amount of good. His care is more advantageous than the care of the kindest father, though that father were monarch of the mightiest empire, and possessed unbounded wealth. The care of God is of more value than the care of all His creatures combined.

He cares for you--but His care is MYSTERIOUSLY EXERCISED!
It benefits us certainly--but secretly. It conceals itself behind the blessings it brings, and the evils it prevents.

He cares for you--and His care is SPECIAL!
It is not the care which He has for the beasts which perish, or the unbelieving sinners who die under His frown.

He cares for you--and His care is PARTICULAR.
It is care which extends to the very hairs of your heads, which, are all numbered--and to all the events and occurrences of your life, however minute or commonplace!

Beloved, here is our comfort. We may lose the care of an earthly relative or dear friend by death--but the Lord ever lives; and while He lives, He . . .
ever loves us,
thoroughly knows us, and
never ceases to care for us!

Here is the ground of our confidence for the future. We know not *where* we shall be, nor *what* we shall be--for we know not what a day may bring forth. But this we know, that God will care for us, and, caring for us--He will fulfill His precious promises to us.

If God cares for us, then . . .
let us cast all our cares upon Him;
let us live in daily fellowship with Him;
let us seek all our supplies from Him.

If God cares for us, then let us not dishonor Him by nursing our doubts, or encouraging our fears--but let us trust in Him at all times, for . . .
His love is *true*,
His care is *constant*, and
His knowledge is *perfect*.

We shall never be without a *divine friend*--however trying our circumstances may be. We shall never be without a *divine guide*--however perplexing or difficult our path may be. The care of God is more than the care of all the angelic hosts. If the care of God is not sufficient to preserve, supply, and satisfy us--then nothing is.

May the Lord help me to believe this precious truth, to realize it daily, and to pass through the present world under the impression, "**I am the object of God's tender, paternal, and ceaseless care!**"

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you. He will never let the righteous fall!"
Psalm 55:22