

How God Cares For Us

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Time magazine once carried an interesting story about former President George Herbert Walker Bush. It described a trip he took back to the South Pacific. During World War II, Bush had been a bomber pilot, and was shot by Japanese anti-aircraft fire. The article detailed Bush's return to the very spot where he was rescued from his downed aircraft. During his return, Bush met a Japanese gentleman who claimed to have witnessed Bush's rescue back in 1944. The man related that as he and others were watching the rescue take place, one of the man's friends remarked, "Surely, America will win the war if they care so much for the life of just one pilot."

How much more does God care for each one of us? Isaiah 33:2 reads, "O Lord, be gracious to us; we have waited [expectantly] for You. Be the arm of Your servants every morning [that is, their strength and their defense], our salvation also in the time of trouble (Amplified Bible)."

Psalms 103:13 (AMP) Just as a father loves his children, so the Lord loves those who fear *and* worship Him [with awe-filled respect and deepest reverence.

Matthew 23:37 (AMP) [A lament over Jerusalem] "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who murders the prophets and stones [to death] those [messengers] who are sent to her [by God]! How often I wanted to gather your children together [around Me], as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling."

Deuteronomy 32:11 (AMP) As an eagle that protects its nest that flutters over its young, He spreads out His wings and took them, He carried them on His pinions.

Isaiah 62:5 (AMP) For as a young man marries a virgin [O Jerusalem], So your sons will marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So your God will rejoice over you.

Did you know that God cares for us and His care never fails?

I Peter 5:7 (KJV) Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

One of the greatest questions people ask is, "Does anyone really care about me?" We live in a world filled with loneliness, disappointment, anxiety, broken relationships, financial struggles, sickness, and grief. Many people feel invisible, yet the Bible gives us one of the most comforting truths ever spoken. God cares for you. His care is not occasional. His care is not conditional. His care is not temporary. His care is personal, constant, sacrificial, and everlasting.

So how much more does Almighty God care for every one of His children? Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? . . . Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows" (KJV, Matthew 10:29-31). God knows your name. He knows your tears. He knows your struggles. He knows your future.

Today we will discover seven beautiful pictures the Bible uses to describe God's loving care.

1) God cares like a mother who comforts.

Isaiah 66:13 (KJV) As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.

One of the deepest expressions of human love is a mother's comfort. A frightened child runs into his mother's arms. She wipes away tears. She speaks words of peace. She stays close until the fear disappears. God says, "That is how I comfort My children." After Elijah defeated the prophets of

Baal, he became discouraged and wanted to die (I Kings 19). Did God condemn him? No. God provided rest, food, water, gentle conversation, and renewed purpose. God comforted His weary servant.

Some listening today are carrying emotional pain, grief, disappointment, depression, loneliness. God still whispers, "I am here." The Holy Spirit is called The Comforter, *Paracletes* (John 14:16). No comfort compares with God's presence.

2. God cares like a Father who has compassion.

Psalm 103:13 (KJV) Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him.

The word "pitieth" means compassion. A loving father does not enjoy seeing his child suffer. He helps. He teaches. He protects. Our heavenly Father does even more. Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father." Notice, not a distant ruler—a Father. When a toddler falls while learning to walk, a loving father does not criticize. He lifts the child, encourages, and says, "Try again." That is exactly how God treats His children.

Lamentations 3:22-23 [reminds us] His compassions fail not. They are new every morning.

3. God cares like a nurse who cherishes.

I Thessalonians 2:7 (KJV) But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.

Paul compared Christian ministry to the tenderness of a nursing mother. A nurse feeds, watches, protects, sacrifices sleep, and notices every need. God never overlooks the smallest need. Jesus demonstrated this care. When the crowds became hungry, He fed them. When the disciples became fearful, He calmed the storm. When Martha and Mary cried, Jesus wept. Our Savior notices every detail. Nothing is too small for God.

4. God cares like a shepherd who seeks.

Ezekiel 34:12 says "As a shepherd seeketh out his flock. . ." Sheep easily wander. Without a shepherd they become confused, vulnerable, and lost. Jesus declared, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11).

Luke 15 demonstrates how Jesus feels about one lost sheep. The shepherd left 99 sheep to rescue one. Notice: He did not wait. He searched. He found. He carried. He rejoiced. That is God's heart.

Perhaps someone listening has wandered spiritually. God has not stopped searching. He still calls your name.

5. God cares like a hen who gathers.

Matthew 23:37 (KJV) "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings."

Jesus paints a beautiful picture. When danger appears, the mother hen spreads her wings. The chicks run underneath. There they find safety, warmth, and protection. Psalm 91 echoes this truth. "He shall cover thee with His feathers." Storms come. Trouble comes. But God's wings never fail. Farmers have discovered after devastating fires that a mother hen sometimes dies protecting her chicks beneath her wings. When her body is lifted, living chicks run out. She gave her life to save them. Jesus did exactly that at Golgotha.

5. God cares like an eagle who trains its young.

Deuteronomy 32:11 reads, "As an eagle stirreth up her nest. . ." The eagle eventually stirs the nest. Why? Not because she has stopped loving but because she wants her young to fly. She pushes them but never abandons them. She flies beneath them. If they fall, she catches them.

Sometimes God allows uncomfortable seasons, not to destroy us but to develop us. Romans 8:28 reminds us, "All things work together for good." Faith grows through testing. Character grows through trials. Dependence grows through difficulty.

6. God cares like a bridegroom who rejoices.

Isaiah 62:5 (KJV) As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

This may surprise many believers. God does not merely tolerate His children; He delights in them. Zephaniah 3:17 says, "He will rejoice over thee with joy. . . He will joy over thee with singing." Imagine that. The Creator sings over His people. His love is joyful. His love is faithful. His love is eternal. The relationship between Christ and His church is repeatedly described as a marriage (Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7-9).

What does God's care mean today? Because God cares. . .

- We do not have to carry anxiety alone.
- We never pray to an uncaring God.
- We are never abandoned.
- We never suffer unnoticed.
- We never walk through trials by ourselves.

Jesus said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). So, knowing all this and the great care our loving Father has, what can we do?

1. We can give God our worries. Philippians 4:6-7 tells us to replace anxiety with prayer. "Do not be anxious *or* worried about anything, but in everything [every circumstance and situation] by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, continue to make your [specific] requests known to God. And the peace of God [that peace which reassures the heart, that peace] which transcends all understanding, [that peace which] stands guard over your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus [is yours] (Amplified Bible)." Every burden becomes lighter when placed in God's hands.

2. We can trust God's timing. Sometimes God's delays are not His denials. He knows what we cannot see. His timing is perfect.

3. We can care for others. Because God cares for us, we should care for others. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Sometimes God answers someone's prayer through our compassion.

4. We can rest in God's presence. Life moves quickly. Spend daily time with God. Prayer. Scripture. Worship. These remind us we are deeply loved.

In conclusion, God cares like:

- A mother comforting.
- A father showing compassion.
- A nurse cherishing.
- A shepherd searching.
- A hen protecting.
- An eagle strengthening.
- A bridegroom rejoicing.

Every illustration points to one incredible truth: God loves His people. The greatest demonstration of that love is Jesus Christ. Romans 5:8 declares, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." If anyone doubts God's care, they need only look at the crucifixion. There, God's love was displayed for the whole world to see.

Perhaps today you are carrying burdens that no one else knows. Jesus says: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (KJV, Matthew 11:28). Bring Him your fears. Bring Him your failures. Bring Him your family. Bring Him your future. Because the God who created heaven and earth still says: "Cast all your care upon Me, for I care for you."