

If You Are A Christian, God Has, Is And Will Always Take Care Of You!

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Psalm 31:15 "My times are in Your hands"

Psalm 139:1-8, 23-24 ¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known me. ² You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. ³ You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. ⁵ You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; ¹² Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You. ¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. ¹⁷ How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You. ²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Samuel 24:10-16 ¹⁰ And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people. So David said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done; but now, I pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." ¹¹ Now when David arose in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹² "Go and tell David, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three things: choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you.'" ¹³ So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him, "Shall seven years of famine come to you in your land? Or shall you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me." ¹⁴ And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." ¹⁵ So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy thousand men of the people died. ¹⁶ And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction, and said to the angel who was destroying the people, "It is enough; now restrain your hand."

-- _____ He Created The Universe He Chose You To Be His Child.

Ephesians 1:4-6 ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

--When You Were A _____ He Provided For You.

Galatians 2:16,26 ¹⁶ knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

Ephesians 2:1-4 ¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Romans 5:6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

-- _____ You Became A Christian He Provided For You.

-- _____ Provisions

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psalm 37:25 I have been young, and *now* am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

Hebrews 13:5 For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

John 15:5,7 ⁵ I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

-- Provisions

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

- **You Will Be Weaned From Self—Psalm 131:2** "Like a weaned child rests against his mother, my soul is like a weaned child within me."
- **You Will Focus On Christ—2 Corinthians 3:18** "beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, [and] are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit."
- **You Will Never Complain**—If you are poor in spirit you accept God's sovereign control over your circumstances, knowing you deserve nothing anyway. Yet the greater your needs, the more abundantly He provides.
- **You Will See Good In Others**—A person who is poor in spirit recognizes his own weaknesses and appreciates the strengths of others.
- **You Will Spend Time In Prayer**—It is characteristic of beggars to beg. Therefore you will constantly be in God's presence seeking His strength and blessing.
- **You Will Take Christ On His Terms**—Those who are poor in spirit will give up anything to please Christ, whereas the proud sinner wants simply to add Christ to his sinful lifestyle.
- **You Will Praise And Thank God**—When you are poor in spirit, you will be filled with praise and thanks for the wonder of God's grace, which He lavishes on you through Christ (**Eph. 1:6**).

-- He Is Waiting For You In Heaven He Is Preparing For You.

John 14:1-3 1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

-- He Takes You To Heaven He Will Be Providing For You.

2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Matthew 25:21 His Lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord.'

--Jesus Exemplified In His Ministry

- His enemies accused Him of being too joyful on occasion (**Luke 7:34**).
- Jesus described Himself as a bridegroom enjoying a wedding feast (**Mark 2:18–20**);
- He "rejoiced in the Holy Spirit" (**Luke 10:21**);
- He spoke of "my joy" (**John 15:11**)
- and promised to give His disciples a lifetime supply of it (**John 16:24**).
- Nehemiah told the repentant Israelites that the joy of the Lord would be their strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**).
- The early church was characterized by gladness and the joy of the Lord (**Acts 2:46; 13:52**),
- and "joy in the Holy Spirit" is a distinguishing mark of the kingdom of God (**Romans 14:17**).

--Worship Around The

Revelation 5:13 "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: 'To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!'"

-- With Jesus And Other Believers

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 "For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words".

-- In The Marriage Feast Of The Lamb

Revelation 19:6-8 "Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: 'Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear'".

-- To Serve God

Revelation 22:3 "No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him"