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Theme: God's Care

What God Knows About You

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

God knows about your location!

"Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD."

Jeremiah 23:23-24

Although the context is about the last days, the principle applies:

"Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them." Amos 9:2-3

He knows the condition of your body.

"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12:6-7

He knows what is unknown and unseen by you.

"He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him." Daniel 2:22

He knows what your needs are.

"But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Matthew 6:7-8

He knows what's in your heart.

"And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever." 1 Chronicles. 28:9

He knows what you're thinking.

"But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." Matthew 12:24-25

He knows who is His – who is saved.

*"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:" Romans 8:16
"But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:27*

HE KNOWS ALL!

"For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad." Luke 8: 17

"Man is really three persons in one: what people think he is, what he sees himself to be, and what God knows him to be." — W. L. Childress

God's Care for His People

F. E. Marsh in 500 Bible Readings

He WATCHES over them with His eyes. *Psalm 34:15*
He LISTENS to their prayers with His ears. *I Peter 3:12*
He INSTRUCTS them by His Word. *Deut. 33:3*
He LOVES them with His heart. *I John 3:1*
He SUPPORTS them. *Hosea 11:3*
He LEADS them by His Spirit. *Romans 8:14*
He ENCOURAGES them by His promises. *II Peter 1:4*

"Here is my creed. I believe in one God, Creator of the Universe, and that He governs it by His providence. That He ought to be worshiped. That the most acceptable service we render Him is doing good to His other children." — Benjamin Franklin

"Thank You, Captain."

Gospel Herald

When Napoleon's horse ran away and a lowly soldier caught him, Napoleon said, "Thank you, Captain." The man at once packed his belongings, moved to the officer's quarters, and went to mess with them. The emperor had called him captain, and he was therefore an officer.

We are all miserable sinners, but when we receive Jesus Christ as our Saviour, He calls us sons of God (John 1:12). Let us promptly pack our belongings and move into the higher life to which He has appointed us!

The Nick of Time

G. Campbell Morgan

I am never tired of pointing out that the Greek phrase translated, “in the time of need,” is a colloquialism of which the “nick of time” is the exact equivalent “that we may have the grace to help in the ‘nick of time.’” Grace just when and where I need it.

You are attacked by temptation, and, at the moment of assault, you look to Him, and the grace is there to help in the “nick of time.” No postponement of your petition until the evening hour of prayer, but there in the city street, with the flaming temptation in front of you, turn to Christ with a cry for help. The grace will be there in the “nick of time.”

A Touch on His Shoulder

C. E. Macartney

On February 26, 1844, a major disaster occurred in our Navy. *The Princeton*, the most powerful warship of that day, was taking members of Congress and government officials down the Potomac.

Onboard was the president of the United States and the secretaries of state and Navy. For the entertainment of the guests, the great gun on the *Princeton*, called the Peacemaker, was fired. At the second discharge, the gun burst, killing the secretary of state, the secretary of the Navy, and several others.

Senator Thomas Benton of Missouri was standing near it when a friend laid a hand on his shoulder just before the gun was fired. Benton turned away to speak with him when, much to his annoyance, the secretary of the Navy, Gilmore, elbowed his way into his place. At that moment, the gun was fired and Gilmore was killed.

That singular providence had a great impression upon Benton. He was a man of bitter feuds and quarrels and recently had a fierce argument with Daniel Webster. After he escaped from death on the *Princeton*, Benton sought reconciliation with Webster. He said to him, “It seemed to me, Mr. Webster, as if that touch on my shoulder was the hand of the Almighty stretched down there, drawing me away from what otherwise would have been instantaneous death. That one circumstance has changed the whole current of my thought and life, I feel that I am a different man, and I want, in the first place, to be at peace with all those with whom I have been so sharply at variance.”

“When we return to really trusting in God, there will no longer be room in our souls for fear.” — Goethe

When Every Choir Member Was Late

Author Unknown

On March 1, 1950, in Beatrice, Nebraska, the pastor went to church to prepare for the evening choir practice that Saturday afternoon. Most choir members would arrive between 7:15 to 7:30 PM. He then went home for a quick supper and was ready to return with his wife and daughter

when it was discovered that the daughter's dress was soiled and needed a change that must first be ironed. He would certainly be late for practice.

High school sophomore Ladona, had trouble with her geometry problems and had to stay to finish the problem. Usually, she would always be early for rehearsal.

Two sisters were ready to go to practice, but the car won't start. They called up the geometry girl to pick them up.

Mrs. Schuster, with a small daughter, would arrive at 7:20, but that night her aging mother needed her, so she dropped by her mother's, making her late as well.

Machinist Harry Ohl was going to take his two boys to choir practice since his wife was away but somehow started talking with someone. When he looked at his watch, it was already too late.

Pianist Marilyn Paul came one-half an hour earlier, but after supper, she fell asleep and arrived barely on time.

The choir director and the pianist's mother, Mrs. Paul, were late because of her daughter. She tried unsuccessfully to wake the child up.

Two high school girls usually go together, but one listened to the 7:00 radio program and broke their usual habit of promptness to listen to the end.

Stenographer Joyce Black, feeling "just plain lazy," stayed until the last possible minute. When she was ready to go, "it" happened.

At 7:25, the West Side Baptist Church blew up. Its roof crushed in, and its walls fell down due to leaking gas. All the choir members were late, which had never happened before. No one was hurt thanks to God's intervention.

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." *Proverbs 16:9*