



Does God Care About Me?

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“Does God care about me?” This is a question we are all faced with at various points in our lives. “Does God care about what happens to me?” “Does He care about what I am going through?” “Does He care how I live my life?” Let’s search the Scriptures to see what we can find out about God’s care for us.

God Cares Enough To Give You Life

Why would a God who did not care anything about you give you life? God is the giver and the sustainer of all earthly life. He is the one who created mankind in His own image. Genesis 1:26-27 says, “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” Acts 17:28 says that it is in God “we live and move and have our being.”

So, God cared enough about you to give you physical life. And, not only did God care enough to give you physical life; but, God cared enough to create you in a very special way! In Psalm 139:14, the Psalmist praised God that He was “fearfully and wonderfully made” – just as you also are! You have been created in a unique way – with a unique set of characteristics. And, you have been created in the very image of God (a spiritual image). This means that God has created you with a soul that survives physical death. Therefore, He has created you in a way that is greater than all of the rest of His earthly creation. He has given you (and all of mankind) dominion over all the rest of His earthly creation. He has also *only* created you (and the rest of mankind) with the ability to have a relationship with Him (since you are created in His image)! Yes, God cares about you!

God Cares Enough To Sustain Your Life

Why would a God who did not care anything about you continue to sustain your earthly life? Now, that is not to say that God ceases to care whenever your life ends. Instead, God cares what you do with your earthly life – and He is giving you the opportunity to use your life to His honor and glory. Therefore, as long as you have breath in your body, know that God cares you – and about the way you choose to live your earthly life.

For instance, 2 Peter 3:9 demonstrates that God cares about you: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” God could choose to send Jesus Christ to this earth – and end this world the moment that you (or anyone) sins against Him. However, He has not yet chosen to do so. The reason why is stated in the text: Because God does not want people to perish in their sins. Instead, He wants to provide them an opportunity to repent. So, in just this one example, God demonstrates His care to sustain physical life by patiently enduring the wrongs we do to Him – and giving us the opportunity to repent of our sins before He sends Jesus Christ. However, we also need to understand that God warns us that our opportunity to change our lives will expire one day – and we will face physical death (Hebrews 9:27) and the return of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:10). Yes, God cares about you!

God Cares Enough To Bless You Physically

Why would a God who did not care anything about you bless you with physical blessings? If you are studying this lesson, God has blessed you in some way physically. Perhaps He has only blessed you with the basic necessities of life (food, drink, and clothing). Or, perhaps He has blessed you with much greater physical blessings than these. Take a moment to consider all the things God has blessed you with – physically. Think about the things that are necessary to sustain your earthly life. Think about your means of employment. Think about your house. Think about your mode(s) of transportation. Think about your family. James 1:17 says, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Therefore, everything that is good and perfect that you enjoy upon this earth has come from God! Now, please recognize that God does not bless you with all these physical things so that you can live your life in any way you choose to live or just so that you can spend them on your own earthly desires. Instead, Romans 2:4 says that the goodness of God is intended to lead you to repentance. He is giving you a glimpse into His goodness by blessing you with these physical things. He wants you to know your dependence upon Him to sustain your earthly life – and learn about your dependence upon Him for spiritual life. Then, He wants you to use the things He has blessed you with in His service, to His honor and glory. Yes, God cares about you!

God Cares Enough To Invite You To Cast All Your Cares Upon Him

Why would a God who did not care anything about you give you the opportunity and invite you to cast all your cares upon Him? God knows that there are many difficulties you will face

throughout your earthly life. However, He does not *force* you to go through these situations alone. Now, you may *choose* to find your own path through these difficult times. But, He invites you to take advantage of the opportunity to find strength, comfort, and help in Him. Yet, this strength, comfort, and help is only available to those who are His people. For instance, Paul stated that He could do “all things through Christ” because of the strength He provides (Philippians 4:13).

Indeed, it is only in Jesus Christ that you can have the confidence that God will hear your prayers – and know that every situation in your life will work out for good (see Romans 8:18-39; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4). For instance, James speaks of the great effectiveness and power of prayer whenever there is a righteous person who is praying (in James 5:16). Then, 1 Peter 5:7 demonstrates that those who are Christians can cast all their care upon God because He cares for them! And, Philippians 4:6-7 says, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Therefore, God wants you to be His child – and He wants you to cast every care and worry you may have upon Him – and then be filled with peace as you trust in Him! Yes, God cares about you!

God Cares Enough To Send His Son To Die For You

Why would a God who did not care about you send His only begotten Son to this earth in order to watch Him be mistreated by mankind, suffer, and be put to death by crucifixion? John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” God sent Jesus to be born of a virgin, to seek and save those who were lost, to preach about His kingdom (church), to fulfill the Law of Moses (which was contrary to us), to demonstrate that He truly was the Son of God, and to give His life as the ransom sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Romans 5:6-11 should help you to appreciate the fact that Jesus Christ did all of this – even though mankind was living in ungodly ways!

Now, you need to appreciate that you were hopelessly lost in your sins without Jesus Christ! You were “dead in trespasses and sins” when you were walking according to the ways of this world and living to fulfill your own earthly desires (Ephesians 2:1-3). “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)” (Ephesians 2:4-5). Therefore, it is only through the love God demonstrated for you in Jesus Christ that you can be saved from the eternal consequences of your sins and live eternally with God in Heaven! Yes, God cares about you!

God Cares Enough To Give You His Word

Why would a God who did not care about you tell you how you need to live your earthly life in order to be ready to meet Him in Judgment? Certainly, God knows that you will stand before

Him and be judged for how you have lived your life on this earth (2 Corinthians 5:10). Now, if God did not care about you – not only would He *not* have given Jesus Christ to die on the cross to provide you with the opportunity to be saved, but, He would also *not* have told you what you must do in order to be forgiven of your sins. He would have left you entirely “in the dark” so that you would be hopelessly lost. However, God *does* care – and He *does* want you to be saved! 1 Timothy 2:4 says (concerning God), “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

God has, therefore, told you everything that you need to know (through His word) so that you can live in a way that is pleasing to Him. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” When you read and study God’s instructions (contained within His written word), you can know what God requires you to do in order to be saved. Yes, God cares for you!

Conclusion

Does God care about you? Oh, yes He cares! These are just some points for you to consider that demonstrate the fact that God cares for you! In fact, there is no one else who has demonstrated this much care for you – not even yourself! While you conducted your life in ways that would result in your own spiritual destruction, God cared enough about you to sacrifice His only Son so that you can be saved. Jesus simply said, “Greater love has no one than this; than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:13-14). Yes, God cares for you! Now, you must care enough about God to live your life according to His instructions!

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