

## 19. God's Care of His People

This topic has some of the best-loved verses in the Bible. They include some of the Bible's great promises, which reassure us at times when we wonder if God has "lost our address".

### Basics

#### God cares for his people

[PETER, TO BELIEVERS:] And God will exalt you in due time, if you humble yourselves under his mighty hand <sup>7</sup>by casting all your cares on him because *he cares for you*. <sup>1</sup> PETER 5:6-7 NET

#### God consistently helps his people in need

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.*  
PSALMS 46:1 GW

### God Saves His People

#### God saves his people out of all troubles

[DAVID:] I sought the LORD's help and he answered me; *he delivered me from all my fears*. ... <sup>6</sup>This oppressed man cried out and the LORD heard; *he saved him from all his troubles*. ... <sup>17</sup>The godly cry out and the LORD hears; *he saves them from all their troubles*. ... <sup>19</sup>*The godly face many dangers, but the LORD saves them from each one of them.*  
PSALMS 34:4, 6, 17, 19 NET

#### God enables them to overcome all that is in the world

[PAUL, TO BELIEVERS:] *If God is with us, no one can defeat us*. ... <sup>35</sup>Can anything separate us from the love Christ has for us? Can troubles or problems or sufferings or hunger or nakedness or danger or violent death? ... <sup>37</sup>*But in all these things we have full victory through God who showed his love for us.* ROMANS 8:31B, 35, 37 NCV™

## God Protects His People

### God is a refuge for his people

He [David] said, "*The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, <sup>3</sup>my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.*" <sup>2</sup> SAMUEL 22:2-3 ESV

### God guards his people

*Look! The one who is guarding Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right side. <sup>6</sup>The sun will not ravage you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup>The LORD will guard you from all evil, preserving your life. <sup>8</sup>The LORD will guard your goings and comings, from this time on and forever.* PSALMS 121:4-8 ISV

### God protects them until the end

[PETER, TO BELIEVERS:] You have faith in *God, whose power will protect you until the last day. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do.* <sup>1</sup> PETER 1:5 CEV

God protects his faithful people from spiritual harm, bringing their salvation to fruition at the end of the age.

## God Sustains His People

### God strengthens his people

Even children become tired and need to rest, and young people trip and fall. <sup>31</sup>*But the people who trust the LORD will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired.* ISAIAH 40:30-31 NCV™

### God provides for all their needs

[PAUL, TO BELIEVERS WHO HAD SUPPORTED HIM:] *And my God will fully supply your every need according to his glorious riches in the Messiah Jesus.* PHILIPPIANS 4:19 ISV