

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 ⁷by casting all your cares on him because *he cares for you*. ¹ 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*. ... ⁶This oppressed man cried out and the LORD heard; *he saved him from all his troubles*. ... ¹⁷The godly cry out and the LORD hears; *he saves them from all their troubles*. ... ¹⁹*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*. ... ³⁵Can 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? ... ³⁷*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, ³my 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.*" ² SAMUEL 22:2-3 ESV

God guards his people

Look! The one who is guarding Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. ⁵The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade at your right side. ⁶The sun will not ravage you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The LORD will guard you from all evil, preserving your life. ⁸The 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.* ¹ 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. ³¹*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