

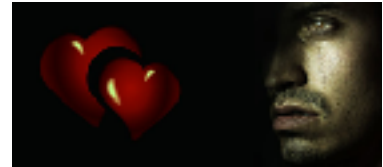
THE GOD WHO CARES - WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR BURDENS

TEXT: ***1 Peter 5:7: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.***

Galatians 6:2: Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Context: ***Psalms 55:22: Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.***

Introduction: Down the corridors of time, there have been countless kinds of remedies prescribed and offered on: How to get Rid of your Troubles. The results have been even more disappointing, because they still left the heart's cry for help unsatisfied.



I shall name several false cures which the world offers:

- A. Epicurus, who lived 342 - 270 B.C., was a Greek philosopher who offered this cure for our ills, burdens, and frustrations:
- Forget your troubles by plunging yourself into all kinds of pleasures and drown out your troubles.
 - Take in everything exciting, drink deep of the cup of worldly entertainment, and your burdens will disappear.

I personally could not recommend this advice to anyone.

The following is a brief case history of a lady who did try out his “fool-osophy”. After she came home from dancing and partying all night long, she threw herself down on the couch, and cried:

“Oh, I just wish I were dead.”

The glitter of the world, its tinkling laughter, its jungle jamboree of so-called music, and the babbling voices of the intoxicated, is only artificial living.

B. Still another class of philosophers headed a school which taught:

- Men should be free from passion, unmoved by life's happenings, and should submit without complaint to unavoidable necessity.
- Repress all your feelings, become indifferent to all pleasure and pain.

This doctrine does nothing more than to try to harden the heart again.

The Lord knows our trials.

Job 23:10: But He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

God permitted Daniel to be cast into prison, Paul to be cast into prison, and the Hebrew children to be thrown into the fiery furnace. He knows that too much sunshine makes a desert; and our souls are the same.

Our souls need weeding, cultivating, and pruning.

Jesus said,

John 15:1: I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Husbandman.



He would be a poor husbandman if He didn't trim and prune my life. Instead of God being against us in our trials, He is working them out for our good.

2 Corinthians 4:17: For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

Hebrews 12:11: Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

God knows our fears.

Psalms 103:14: For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.

About the only time God gets to see our faces is when we are on a bed of sickness. Most of us have failed the Lord by neglecting worship, prayer, and meditating on His Word.

The Bible lays down the rule to follow when one has missed the way and is backsliding. They are not to be pushed further down, but rather pulled back as a brand from the burning.

Galatians 6:1: Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

We cannot pull another up if we are down spiritually. We should consider also him that endured such contradiction of sinners.



Hebrews 12:3: For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

God knows our times, and the way we take.

He is not in the dark concerning the way out for us. God knew this was going to be a day of apostasy centuries before our great-grandfathers were born. He has provided the Light and the comforting Presence of the Holy Spirit to be with His Church until Jesus comes.

The God who concerned Himself about the tooth of a slave is concerned about you.

Exodus 21:27: And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

So cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7: Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

And now, sinner friend, the Lord has numbered your days. He knows the way you have lived, as He did the rich man as recorded in:

Luke 12:19-20:

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?



It is easy for a sinner to say: “The Lord does not take notice or see what I am doing.” But the Bible says: God is angry with the wicked every day:

Psalm 7:11-13:

11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

12 If he turn not, He will whet His sword; He hath bent His bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; He ordaineth His arrows against the persecutors.



God knows something about you that your doctor, lawyer, minister, wife, or closest friends don't know. He knows your end from your beginning. He knows how near to the last page of the last paragraph you have come in writing your life's history.

He is extending to you an invitation to:

Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

These are the words of Jesus. He is the One Who said it!

Don't pass up God's invitation to settle up all your bad accounts, or all your immoral deeds that need to be covered with Jesus' blood. We have all sinned against God, and we are all going to face our record at the Judgment.

Romans 5:12: Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 14:10b: for we shall all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

It is the Spirit's purpose to lead you to the Cross where Jesus died for you, paid your debt, and took your place so that you could find peace and pardon.

Pray in earnest repentance. You must get rid of that awful load of guilt. There is only one way to do it.

- **Repent.**
- **Confess your sins to Jesus.**

- **Most important of all, trust in Him to save you.**

He is the ONLY Saviour. He is waiting now to receive you, as you receive Him.

Listen to His Word.

John 1:12: But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:

Don't be ashamed to pray. One day you will be glad you did.

Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary avails for you, now. Although we are worthy of punishment, what Jesus did on the Cross is God's remedy for sin to *all* who come to Jesus for forgiveness and cleansing.

Today is the day of salvation. God is speaking to you. Come, obey Him while the door of mercy is open.



Remember, sinner friend, you cannot save yourself. Only Jesus can do that. Accept no substitutes for your soul's salvation. The counterfeit system of reform — join a church, turn over a new leaf — has no power to make you a child of God. The Bible says:

John 1:12-13:

¹² But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

The God of Heaven who sees the sparrow fall, Who takes notice of a slave's tooth, is interested in you. He loved your soul and is not willing that any should perish, but that all should have eternal life.

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

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