

as Moses testified, "Yea, He loved the people, all His saints are in Thy hand." And Jesus add, "Neither shall anyone pluck them out of My hand. My Father which gave them Me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand." His care extends to the body and the soul. The very hairs of our head are all numbered. He cares for our food and clothing, as well as for our sanctification and salvation. He cares for us as His children—the bride of His Son, the objects of His choice. A man may care for his land, his cattle, and his servants, but he cares more for his children, and his wife. Just so the Lord has a general care for all, but He cares for His people with an especial care.

Whatever causes us anxiety in a greater or less degree, we should carry to the Lord. The cares of every day life, whether they arise from great things or small, from the common occurrences that are always taking place, or from any particular events. If they arise from sin, we should confess it, deplore our folly, and humble ourselves before Him.

Let us realize the fact that God cares for me—cares for me always—cares for me this moment—cares for all that concerns me, or affects me. He cares for me with a father's care. His care cannot be more tender or more strong than it is. Let us also rest upon His promises. He has promised to be with us—to provide for us—to be a God to us. Let us rest upon these promises, believing them, and expecting Him to make them good. Paul would have us satisfied with little, he says, "Having food and raiment let us therewith be content." Our food may be plain, our clothing common, but let us be content. Again

he says, "Be content with such things as ye have, for He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, the Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." He had arrived at this point himself, as he testifies, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." Let us live rather for eternity than time. If we live for eternity, we shall live for God; and if we live for God, we shall have few cares, and many comforts.—
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PSALM XXIII.

Jehovah God my Shepherd is ;
I shall not want while I am His.
In pastures green He makes me lie ;
Where water springs go never dry.
Whene'er it seems I must give o'er,
My fainting soul He doth restore.
In righteous paths He leads the way,
For His name's sake, from day to day.
Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale
My fears and foes shall not prevail :
For by my side my faith sees thee ;
Thy rod and staff they comfort me.
Thou art my host : Thy table fare,
While foes look on, with Thee I'll share.
Thou dost anoint my head with oil :
My cup o'erflows beneath Thy smile.
Servants of grace my steps attend !
Lord, in Thy house my days I'll spend.

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THREE IMPOSSIBILITIES.

1. "Make your peace with God."—It has been done by Christ. Col. i. 20.
2. "Lay your sins on Jesus." It has been done by God. Isa. liii. 6.
3. "Escape coming wrath if salvation is neglected." The Holy Ghost asks the question, which none can answer. Heb. ii. 3.