

God cares – Pt 1 God cares for every detail – seen in OT law

This is a new study on – God cares. We begin with a look at the Old Testament and establish – (1) The Lord cares for the land of Israel, (2) The Lord cares for the nation of Israel, (3) the Lord cares for every detail of His children.

Scriptures upon which this teaching is founded.

1. The Lord cares for the land of Israel – His eyes are on the land

“A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God [are] always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year”

2. The Lord cares for the nation of Israel – His eyes are on His people.

“Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me” (Ps.101: 6). See also Ps.34: 15

3. The Lord cares for every detail of His children, shown in –

i) the law.

“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous...” (Josh.1: 8).

ii) the details of the tabernacle, instruments, and the ark.

“And let them make me a sanctuary...According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof” (Ex 25:8, 9, 10)

iii) the detail of the sacrifices.

“And he shall take away all the fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon the altar... and...shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath committed” (Lev.4: 35).

iv) the details of every aspect of life – like duty of marriage.

“If he take him another wife ; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish” (Ex.21: 10).

Illustration to help apply our teaching to our life.

There is an idiom – “the devil is in the details”. Meaning that things may appear simple on the surface, but often the detail behind what is seen can be complicated and cause problems.

Question to think about.

How is the devil in the detail of the law?

Our answer from the scriptures.

The law for Israel provided them with boundaries, showed that their Heavenly Father cared and loved them as a nation. But when the devil attacks man with lies and deceptions and a man’s heart is not right with God the lies of the devil cause him to rebel, disobey, and sin before their Heavenly Father. Their sin causes division. Whereas when their heart is right with God they see His laws as His boundaries for their protection and care of every detail of their lives. So they pray, spend time with their Heavenly Father, and when they sin they seek His forgiveness, as David did. Let us remember that under the law God was in the detail – showing care to His children Israel. Next week we will consider God’s care in our time of grace!