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A MOMENT WITH THE MODERATOR

Who cares for **your** soul? The Bible teaches that we should cast our burdens on Jesus because He cares for us. It is easy for us to complain, maybe even natural to complain, unless we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Once saved, we move to the Supernatural arena of Jesus Christ. Then there is nothing that we are going through that we cannot cast upon Jesus! In I Peter 5:7, this instruction was written to people experiencing extreme persecution, just for exercising their faith. When David was in the cave he lamented that no man cared for his soul. Could the same thing be said of us; that we care for no man's soul? Who cares for our soul?

First, God the Father cares. The scriptures are very plain that God is not willing that any should perish. He is patient, long-suffering, loving, and filled with kindness. God the Father cares for our soul, and desires that we be saved. Before this world began, God devised a plan that will keep us from an eternity without Him. Yes, God cares for our soul.

Second, Jesus cares for our soul. Look back over 2,000 years ago, and see the dying son of God on the cross. Try to imagine the horrible night He had spent after being betrayed, arrested, experiencing a mock trial, beaten virtually beyond recognition, and then nailed to the cross and hanging there for 6 hours! I would give my life for my children if only they could live, but God gave His Son so that you and I could have eternal life. So, Jesus cares for your soul even more than we can fully comprehend.

Then, the Holy Spirit cares for our soul. Jesus said he would send another comforter, the Holy Spirit of truth, and He did exactly that. The Holy Spirit moves on the hearts of men and women, revealing God's truth to those who seek it, convicting of sin and telling us we need to accept Jesus as Savior! David lamented that no man cared for his soul, but the Holy Spirit cares.

Fourthly, I believe that angels care. Angels do God's bidding, and they care about the things our Heavenly Father cares about. When Jesus came to earth to live and then die so that we could be saved, angels helped Him. They ministered to Him 40 days in the wilderness when he fasted. When He was arrested Jesus could have called more than 12 legions of angels to help Him, but they did the Father's will in order for mankind to be saved.

Fifthly, saved people in Heaven care for your soul. In scripture, every time something or someone was lost and then found, like the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son, there is rejoicing over that which was found! Sixthly, lost people in hell care. Read about Lazarus and the rich man, and you find that the rich man, in all of his suffering was concerned about his 5 brothers on earth and he did not want them to join him in hell. Finally, saved people on earth care about peoples' souls. There are Christians who pray, pass out gospel tracts, read the Bible, teach, preach, and have revivals all for the one goal of seeing people saved.

All of the aforementioned care about men's souls, but do you? If we really care about souls being saved, it becomes easier to cast our own burdens upon Jesus, for He truly cares for us.

> Trusting Jesus, Rev. Leon Fortune



Calendar of Events

December

26 - Office Closed 28-29 - Serv334

<u>January</u>

- 2 Office Closed
- 10 Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 16 MLK Day Office Closed
- 31 Senior Adult Luncheon at McLin's 11 AM

The Coffee Baptist Association is seeking a **Director of Missions.**

Resumes must be received by January 31, 2023.

Please send resumes to PO Box 127 New Brockton, AL 36351.

For more information please call (334)894-6411.

December 28-29

A call for students to come together and serve the "334"

For youth grades 7-12

For more information contact servthe334@gmail.com



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Ministers' Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

Please pray for the Military Support Group.

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm at Church on Boll Weevil Circle

Call Dr. John Granger if you are in need.

Goodman Baptist Church is in search of a Bi-Vocational Youth Minister.

Contact Bro. Bruce Williams at 334-389-3621 for more info.