

WHO CARES FOR MY SOUL?

INTRO – In Psm. 142 we find David in a cave, hiding from his enemies. In v. 4 he declares “no one cares for my soul”. Have you ever felt that way? Health problems, family problems, money problems, church problems all getting you down. Our theme this year is “Blessed Assurance”. Today let us study about what GOD does for us. We are His people and He cares for our soul.

- I. LISTENING TO David. Psm. 3:3-6
 1. Shield. Defined as any person or thing that guards, protects, defends. In Eph.6:16 used metaphorically of faith. Psm.28:7, Prov. 30:5.
 2. Glory (honor). He considered it an honor to be identified as one of His children. It is an honor to be a child of His family.
 3. Lifter. The head is naturally bowed bowed in time of trouble or sorrow. So was David's (Psm 35:14). To lift up the head is to raise one up, relieve distresses, take away troubles.
 4. Listener. v. 4. David cried out to the Lord aloud, not just mentally, and he says He heard me. God hears our prayers.
 5. Sustainer. David, after praying, lay down and slept. He says he awoke because God sustained him kept him from danger, preserved his life. 2 Tim. 4:18 says the same is true for us.
 6. Relieves fear - v. 6. This proof of divine protection caused David to say he was not afraid. Psm. 46:1. What He did for David, He will do for us.

- II. God's Providential Care - It is that continuous exercise of divine energy whereby the Creator preserves all His creatures.
 1. Angels watch over us - Psm. 34:7; 91:9-11
 2. Shelters His people - Psm. 17:8; 51:7
 3. Keeps the saints - Psm. 121 - 2 Tim. 1:12
 4. Watches over life - Psm. 115:12 - Lu.12:7
 5. Supports the weak - Psm. 18:35
 6. Preserves the faithful. Psm. 31:23

- III. God's Everlasting Arms - Deut. 33:27
 1. Strong - Isa. 62:8
 2. Warm and tender.
 3. Everlasting - Isa. 51:5
 4. Arms of God are underneath us. Psm. 37:23-24

- IV. Mount up with wings as eagles - Isa. 40:31-

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."