

Casting All Your Care Upon Him (Have You Let God Turn You Into His Masterpiece?)

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Casting all your care upon God is not just about being anxious-free, but about making room for Jesus Christ to be the absolute Provider and Ruler of your life.

Scripture: Psalm 55:22, Isaiah 26:3, Matthew 6:33, John 14:27, Romans 8:28, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Peter 5:7

Topics: "Trusting God", "God's Care and Provision"

Description

Hans R. Waldvogel emphasizes the importance of casting all our cares upon God, illustrating that He deeply cares for us and desires to be involved in every aspect of our lives. He explains that by relinquishing our anxieties and allowing Christ to reign in our hearts, we become His masterpieces, created for good works. Waldvogel encourages believers to trust in God's faithfulness and to seek His kingdom first, assuring that He will provide and preserve us blameless. He warns against the dishonor of worrying, which interferes with God's work in our lives, and highlights the peace that comes from fully entrusting our concerns to Him.

Transcript

Selected Verses:

1 Peter 5:7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Philippians 4:6. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. (RV)

Ephesians 2:10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Opening:

"[...] all your care upon Him, for He careth." Now why should He care? Why should He number all the hairs on my head? Well, because every hair needs help, needs attention. People say to me, "What? Your hair is still not white, and you still have a nice crop of hair?" Yes, I have a good Caretaker of my hair, really, really good. There was a time when I lost almost all my hair, but the Lord brought it back. And since then, I

haven't worried about one hair on my head. Jesus Christ knows how many I have, and He knows what... and He has provided for each hair on my head. I suppose I have 100,000 at least. I never counted them. But He's provided for each one of my hairs an oil well--a supply of oil to keep it lubricated. I don't have to spend a lot of money for "Eau de Calabrese" to keep my hair alive. Jesus Christ really takes care. Any why should He bother? Why should He bother? Not just to make me pretty, but to glorify His name, because I belong to Him.

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Selected Quotes:

Jesus Christ wants to care about everything concerning my being from beginning to the end of eternity. And I dishonor Him when I don't cast all my care upon Him. Not only that, but I rob Him of His honor and His kingship.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" means that I must seek to let Him reign within me. I must seek to make room for Him to be the absolute Provider, and the absolute Ruler of my life, and that means my whole spirit, and soul, and body. And if I do that, He has promised to preserve me "blameless"--mind you, my whole spirit, and soul, and body--"blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." And what for? Not that I should be honored in that day... but it's the honor of my Lord Jesus Christ that's at stake.

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When I came to God, He said, "Listen, you've got to make your choice: 'In nothing be anxious.' Let Me take over." That's the wonderful thing. We think, "Well, it's quite wonderful not to be anxious, and not to worry, and not to fret, and not to care." But that's not the issue. The issue is to make room for Jesus Christ, who is the "King of Glory," the "Prince of Peace" ...who has conquered and purchased me with His own blood that I should "not live unto myself but unto Him." "We are His workmanship."

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He was a master. His masterpiece honored him, and that's what he was after. Jesus Christ is making a masterpiece that will honor Him in the day when He presents you and me to the Father as the finished product. And in the mean time, I must work "with fear and trembling" to be sure that I don't interfere with His will. Oh, this mighty will of God! And when He says, "casting all your care upon Him," He means to say, "I cannot finish my masterpiece if you fool with it, if you put your paws to it. If you worry over it, you take it out of My hands." That's what we do.

But when we don't worry and don't fret, then the Bible says "...in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God," and then God takes over. And how does He take over? Why, the Prince of Peace comes to take His work, His masterpiece, and He works it out.

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When Jesus was baptized with the Holy Ghost, the Spirit drove Him into the temptation. And "If need be, ye are in manifold temptation." What for? Not to be defeated, but "that trial of your faith may be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

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Sara counted Him "faithful that promised." What do you do? Do you count Him faithful that promised? And it isn't a matter of just making a comfortable life for myself, but it's a matter of making a comfortable life for Jesus. He wants to live with me. He wants to make His home with me. He wants to feel at home here. He wants to see that I have perfect confidence in Him no matter what all hell does. He has already won the fight.

And now to learn this grand lesson: "And the peace of God which passeth all understanding," why, that's Christ! He'll "keep your heart," and He'll "keep your mind." And I find in my travels that very, very few Christians will obey this command. They'll obey other commands. They'll stop drinking beer, or smoking cigarettes. Listen, to be worried, and to be anxious is worse than smoking cigarettes... I would dishonor my God if I murmured--I'd say, "My Lord, You made a mistake. You didn't know what You were talking about there when it said, 'He careth for you.'" Beloved, it's His honor, not my honor.

Illustrations:

"We are his workmanship." A man is judged by his work. (from 8:04)

A month's worrying over a need for six dollars, replaced by praise and deliverance: "...As long as I said, 'Why?' I found fault with God. I got nothing, nothing! ...God made me look at Jesus instead of into my pocket... And when I got a sight of Jesus Christ, the peace of God filled my heart, and next day I got six dollars, not one penny more or less... God just showed me that He is not only able but willing to take care of His own kingdom, and His own honor. But as long as I interfere with His honor: nothing doing!" (from 11:08) See also recording 31B near 9:08.

An illustration from a Jiggs and Maggie cartoon: "...They told him what a fresh manager that was, and how he had bawled them out. So Jiggs put on his stovepipe hat, and he went down, and he bought the store--the whole store--and then he fired the manager. And then you should have seen Maggie and her daughter walk into that store. Everything belonged to them. That why God says we should 'come with boldness.' We have a High Priest who is 'made higher than the heavens.' 'The prince of this world is cast out.' Oh, let's believe it!" (from 16:05)

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