



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
Ezekiel Chapter 14

Does God Care?

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

So many of us, continually, ask the question "What good am I?" And then, we feel compelled to say "Nobody cares any way!" That statement and question is so prophetic, so profound and yet--s-o-o very wrong. Because, someone does care. God always cares. He is our creator.

It must trouble God very much to see His children falling each day by the wayside. God did not intend for us to go through life with our heads hung down to our knees. As a mother hen would brood over her little biddies (chicks) or a mamma sow over her piglets, God watches over us each and every day.

Are you weak and heavy laden? Do you feel dejected and low? Do you feel that no one cares? Cast your every care, your every burden upon the Lord. God's grace is sufficient and His mercy is everlasting.

There was once a man who wandered onto the playground of an elementary school, one day. He was shabbily dressed, his complexion ruddy, yet worn with time. He was passing by when he heard a child crying. As he approached the child, he found the little sister of the crying child attempting to render comfort.

He crouched down between the two children and spoke softly to them. Not knowing the cause for the tears, he said "Don't worry. Everything will be all right." He embraced them, stood, turned and, with a pleasant expression on his face, went on his way.

The scripture says, "Be still and know I am GOD." As we read the words of the old man, God is saying the same thing to you right now-- "Don't worry. Everything will be all right."

A child's cry does something to

you. You don't even have to be a parent for you to feel empathy when you hear someone in sorrow. You just sorta start moving in the direction of the sound that's tugging on your heart.

God hears our every cry and He pitys every groan. God delivered the people out of Egypt land because He heard their groans and He sent Moses to lead His people. But, Moses died. He was a mere mortal man to the pull of the world. God blessed Moses and through Moses God delivered the people from bondage.

Guess what? God sent a deliverer for us too. His name is--Jesus Christ.

Somehow people have a way of loosing themselves within themselves. This is not good. We must learn and know that God came, He lived and He died that we might live. Not just to live, but to have life more abundantly. And mind you, He didn't remain in the grave, where so many people are trying to keep Him, but He rose up one day with ALL power in His hands. In His hands, He had the keys to the gates of hell and of death. (Rev. 1:18) "Oh, death--where is thy sting? Oh, grave--where is thy victory?"

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was sent for a specific reason--to rescue

Church Women United's Conference This Weekend

The Oregon Chapter of Church Women United is holding their Annual Conference this year on Economic Justice at the Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church located at 111 N.E. Faiing Street. The dates are: January 26th and 27th. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the 26th. There is a registration fee of \$25.00. This fee will include lunch on Friday, January 27th.

the perishing souls, to save that which is lost. Souls crying out in the world. "I can't take it any more!" Oh, yes you can. "But, why me, Lord?" Because, until you realize that God is more than just your creator--there will be more "Why me ..." incidences.

Today, in your hearts, accept God as your Father. Then, you can sing the song of our fore fathers and mothers--

"He that believeth
He that believes
Have an everlasting life
He that believes on the Father and the Son
Have an everlasting life.

Oh, Satan's mad
And I'm so glad
Have an everlasting life
He lost the soul
He thought he had
Have an everlasting life

Yes! He that believeth
He that believes
Have an everlasting life
He that believes on the Father and the Son,
Have an everlasting life.
PRAISE THE LORD!

A Second Look At Life

I felt my life was barren,
Void of wealth and fame;
Then found my true fulfillment
Through the glory of His name.

As I saw the needs of others
I knew that I was blessed,
And with fervent dedication
Put my selfish goals to rest.

I changed my gloomy image
With each task I undertook,
And saw a whole new picture
As I took a second look.

by Catherine Janssen Irwin

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Presents A Musical Program

The theme: "Praising The Lord", January 29, 1989 at 3:00 p.m. in the Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Ave., Portland.

Guest choirs will be- Community A.M.E. Zion Young Adult Choir, Vancouver, WA; Allen Temple C.M.E. Youth Choir; Antioch Missionary Baptist Youth Choir; First A.M.E. Zion Youth Choir; Fellowship Missionary Baptist Youth Choir; Isaish & The Prophets.

Please Come and Bring A Friend!

DMAC Meeting Slated

The next meeting of the Desegregation Monitoring Advisory Committee (DMAC) will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1989 at Ockley Green Middle School, 6031 N. Montana, Portland, Oregon 97217, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Cafeteria.

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the Bible says ...

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HEBREWS 12:14



Tuesday:	Bible Band	7:30 p.m.
Thursday:	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
	Morning Worship	11:15 a.m.
	Y.P.W.W.	6:30 p.m.
	Evangelistic	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday	Worship	8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon Day Prayer	
Friday	"The Pastor Speaks"	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.

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Phillip S. Nelson, Pastor Psalm 34:3

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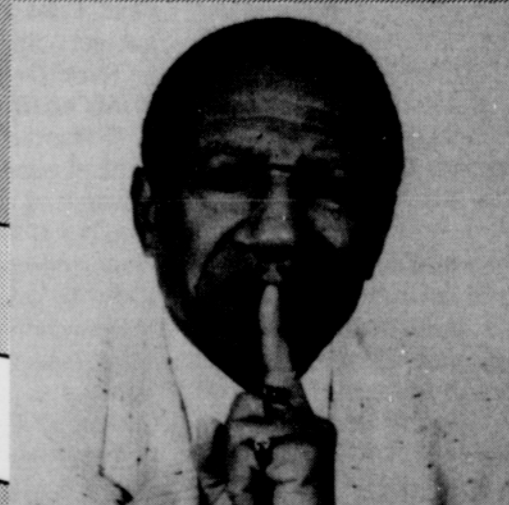
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