#### HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

- God created this world and all that is in it.
- Jesus said: "...so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes
  His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Matthew 5:45 NAS95)
- This is God the Father's COMMON GRACE to all inhabitants of the earth.
- The beauty of God's creation, the blessings of life, and the constants of the physical world are granted to all people.



"THE LORD SMELLED THE SOOTHING AROMA; AND THE LORD SAID TO HIMSELF, 'I WILL NEVER AGAIN CURSE THE GROUND ON ACCOUNT OF MAN, FOR THE INTENT OF MAN'S HEART IS EVIL FROM HIS YOUTH; AND I WILL NEVER AGAIN DESTROY EVERY LIVING THING, AS I HAVE DONE. WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS, SEEDTIME AND HARVEST, AND COLD AND HEAT, AND SUMMER AND WINTER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE.""

- GENESIS 8:21-22 NAS95



#### God cares for all of you!

And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for

those of the whole world.

- 1 John 2:1a-2 NAS95

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HOWEVER: This care for all is not His care for the individual believer in Christ.

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. — Matthew 5:44-45 NAS95

"Undiscriminating love will mark disciples out as sons of your Father, for the son shares the father's character, and it is the character of God to dispense his natural blessings on all alike. Nothing is said here, of course, about spiritual blessings; the verse gives no warrant for a belief in universal salvation. There is no incompatibility between a recognition that some are saved and some lost and a practical kindness which embraces all men, even the persecutor."

#### WHY DOES GOD CARE FOR YOU?

- We are His Children when we believe: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name," John 1:12 NAS95
- We are in an eternal loving relationship with the God of the Universe!

  "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is." —1 John 3:1-2 NAS95

## "Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him."

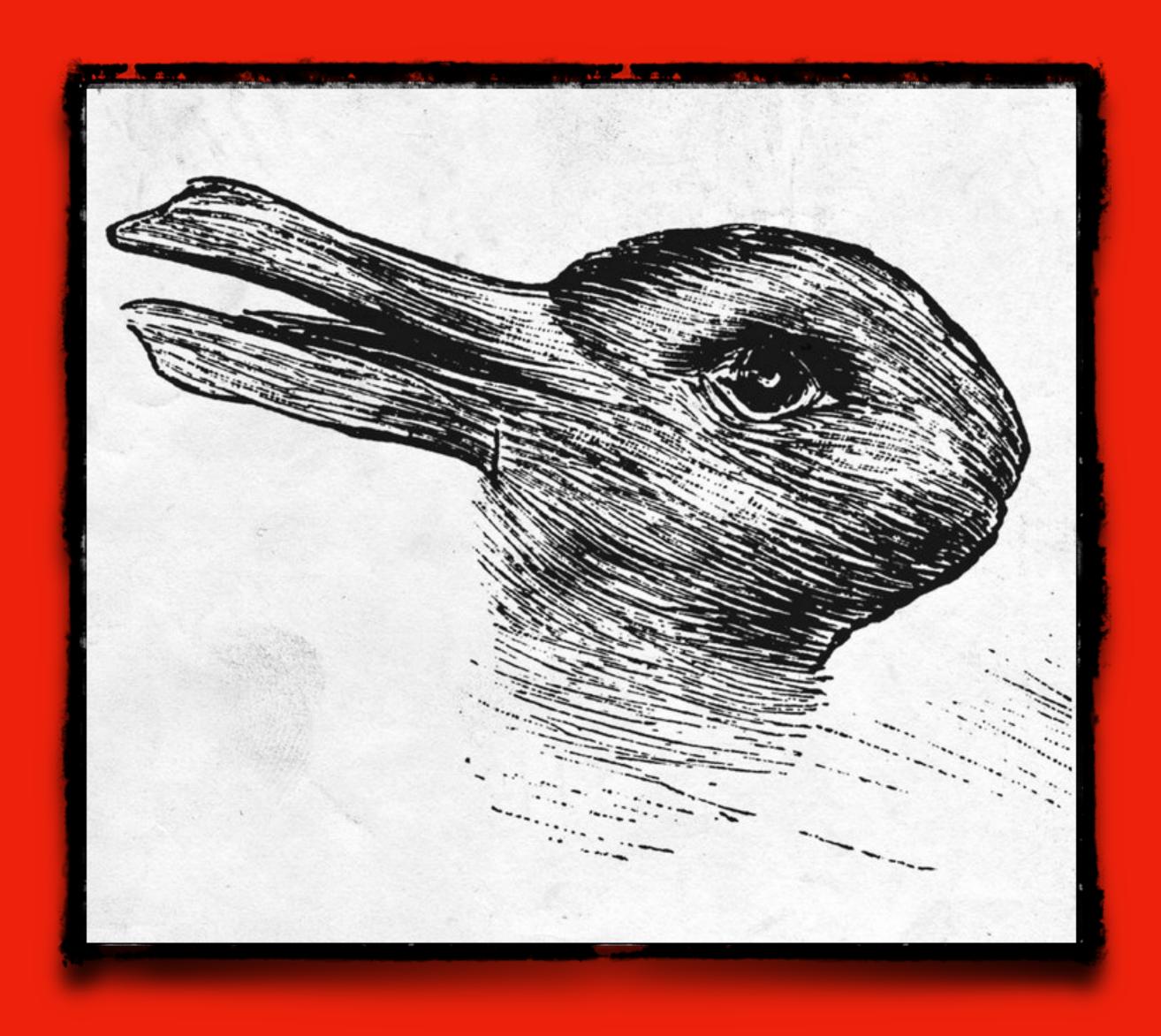
- PSALM 103:13 NAS95

- God cares for the whole world.
- He gave all human beings a beautiful place to live (the earth).
- He gave all human beings the seasons (Gen. 8:22).
- His rains fall on all people, watering their crops, providing drinking water, etc.
- The Sun shines on all people.
- Most importantly, His Son, Jesus Christ, left the glories of Heaven to live a perfect life and pay the price for our sin that we couldn't pay, and rose again!
- Jesus died for all people!



"For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers."

- 1 Timothy 4:10 NAS95



- The message title is ambiguous -
  - 1. It could mean that God cares for ALL people, and this is true to a degree as we've seen.
  - 2. It could mean that God cares for all of you (singular, perosnally) that is every part of your being.
- The rest of this message deals with God's care of all parts of you personally.

### "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

— 1 Peter 5:7 NKJV



"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." — Deuteronomy 6:4–5 NAS95

"One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." " — Mark 12:28–31 NAS95



## FOUR AREAS ARE LISTED

 Just as we are to love God as a "whole person" with all of our faculties, God cares about all of these areas of our lives.



heart ↔ soul ↔ mind ↔ strength

THINKING
LEARNING
UNDERSTANDING
DISCIPLINED MIND

MIND STRENGTH

PHYSICAL NEEDS

DIET

EXERCISE

REST

CARE OF OUR BODIES

TRUST
STABILITY
LOVE
FRIENDSHIP

HEART

SOUL

SPIRITUAL NEEDS
THE BIBLE
PRAYER
WORSHIP
FELLOWSHIP
MINISTRY TO OTHERS

"For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline."

— 2 Timothy 1:7 NAS95

MIND

STRENGTH

"Though youths grow weary and tired, And vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary."

— Isaiah 40:30–31 NAS95

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

— 2 Corinthians 1:3–4 NAS95

HEART

SOUL

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

— Philippians 1:6 NAS95

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

- 2 Peter 1:2-3 NAS95

GOD HAS

**NEED!** 



There is no detail or activity too small!



""Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. "Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. "So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows."

— Matthew 10:28–31 NAS95



CALM Whatever you are facing today, God is able!

GOD

ABLE

more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

- Ephesians 3:20-21 NAS95