



GOD TAKES
CARE OF
ME

GOD CARES

139:1-4

God knows everything about us

139:5-6

We cannot understand all the care that God has for us

139:7-10

No place is too far to avoid your care

139:11-12

Although we would like to hide from God, there is no place so dark that it will hide us from Him.

139:13-16

God has taken care of us from our gestation, and has observed our growth

139:17-18

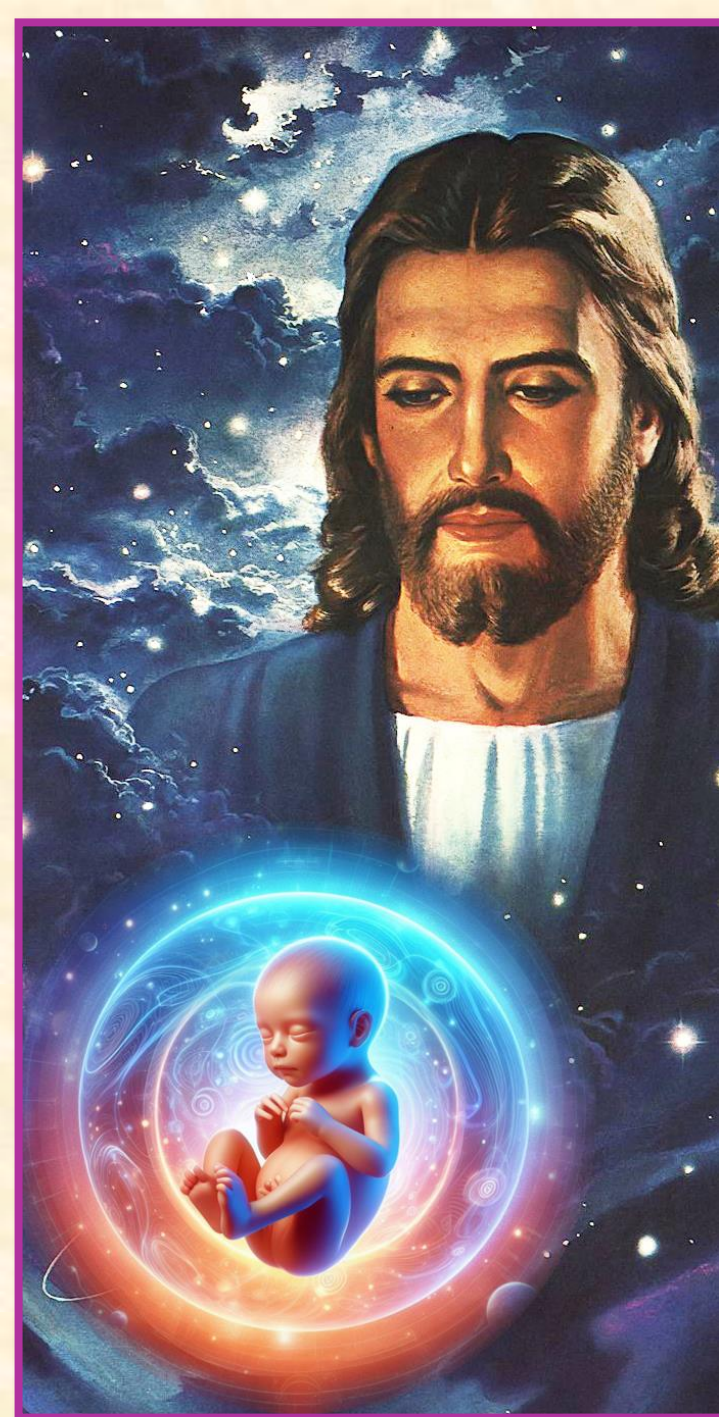
Meditating on God's cares would occupy all our time

139:19-22

As he took care of us up to this point, he will continue to do so until we are freed from the evil one.

139:23-24

We trust that He will also forgive our faults and guide us “on the eternal path.”



GOD IS MY REFUGE

Hebrew poets use a wide range of rich metaphors to express how God protects his followers in a hostile world.



Refuge
Psalm 31:4

A safe place in the midst of war, a refuge from the storm and the heat

Tower
Psalm 61:3

In times of war or persecution, the people hid in a tower

Strength
Psalm 18:1

This term refers to the idea of firmness. God is our support

Rock
Psalm 18:2

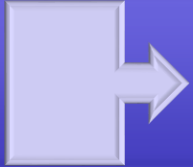
A large stone on a cliff, which protects from attacks

Shield
Psalm 3:3

This piece of armor was the soldier's greatest defense on the battlefield

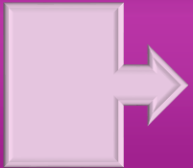


GOD IS MY DEFENDER



Psalm 17:1-4

- David strives to do good



Psalm 17:5-7

- Ask God to listen to him and defend him, as he has defended others



Psalm 17:8

- Defend me under your shadow, as you would defend the apple of your eye!



Psalm 17:9-14

Describes the wicked, those from whom you need God to defend you



Ps. 17:15

- David will continue to do good until he is transformed into the likeness of God

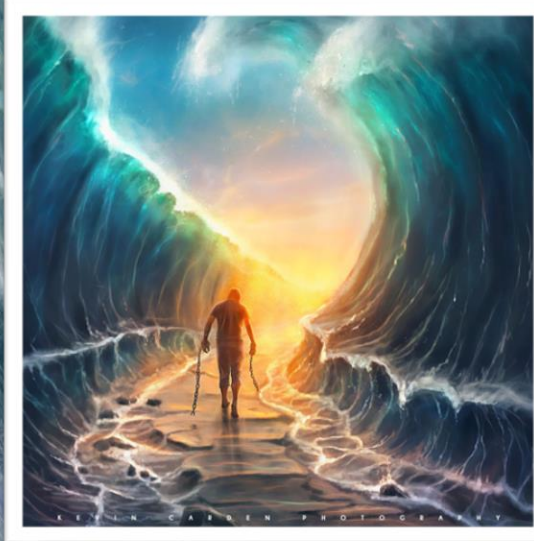
GOD IS MY DELIVERER

INITIAL SITUATION

Israel leaves Egypt
Psalm 114:1

HOW DID IT GO?

The Red Sea fled
Psalm 114:3a



FINAL STATUS

Israel enters Canaan
Psalm 114:2

HOW DO THEY ARRIVE?

Jordan turned back
Psalm 114:3b

WHAT HAPPENED ON THE ROAD?

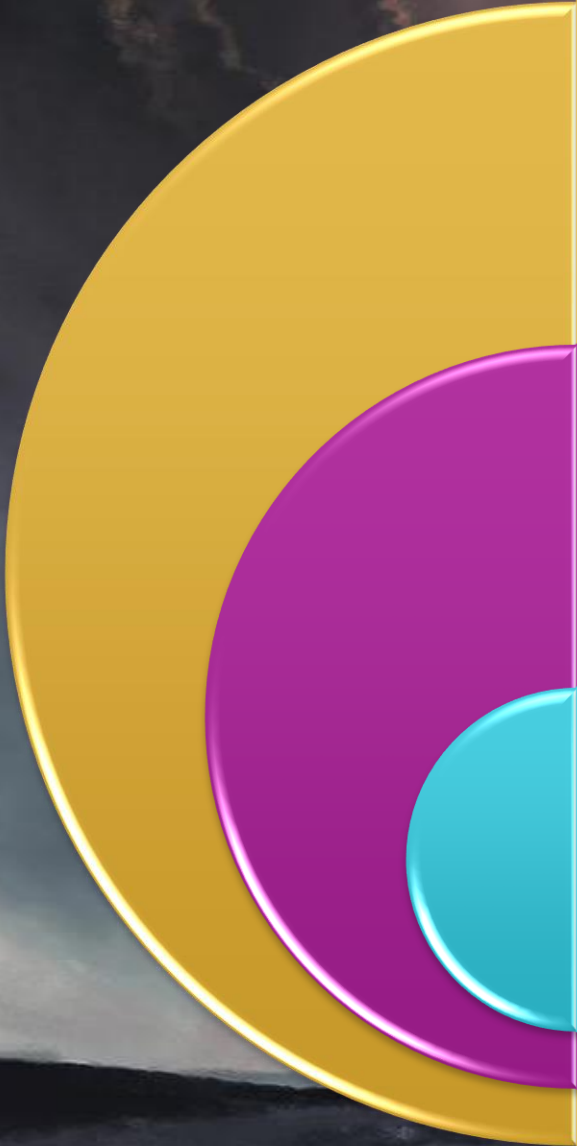
Mountains and hills [the serious problems
they faced] fled
Psalm 114:4

WHY DOES THE SEA FLEE, THE RIVER TURN BACK AND THE MOUNTAINS AND HILLS FLEE?

Because God is the liberator of his people. In His presence, there are no obstacles and no one can harm His people.

Psalm 114:5-8

GOD LISTENS



The psalmists repeatedly begin their prayers to God by asking Him to hear them.

- Psalm 4:1; 13:3; 17:1; 28:2; 54:2; 55:2; 61:1; 64:1; 86:1; 102:1; 130:2; 143:1.

They insist and cry out to God to hear them

- Psalm 30:10; 39:12; 69:13, 16-17; 84:8; 119:145, 149; 140:6; 142:6.

They affirm that God hears their complaints and their needs, and they are sure that, at one time or another, the Lord will respond as He has responded in the past

- Psalm 4:1; 5:3; 6:8-9; 17:6; 22:24; 28:7; 31:22; 34:4; 40:1; 55:17; 65:2; 66:19; 77:1; 106:44; 116:1; 120:1.