

Does Jesus Care?

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- # 466 In Hymns For Worship (Editors: R.J. Stevens & Dane Shepard)
- Written by: Frank Ellsworth Graeff (1860 - 1919) was born in a coal mining town in Pennsylvania.
 - In 1894, he married Mary Lourene Mauger. Graeff loved children. Known for story telling / cheerfulness, and sense of humor.
 - Yet, troubled by doubts and deep depressions.
- One source suggests he had a daughter (Nickel Notes: Hymn History).

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- *"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).*
- It was from this text that he composed the hymn, "Does Jesus Care?" copyrighted in 1901.

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- Verse 1 *"Does Jesus care when my heart is pained Too deeply for mirth or song, As the burdens press, And the cares distress, And the way grows weary and long?"*

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- Some burdens cause such pain and anguish, there doesn't seem to be any relief.
 - Jacob, believing his son Joseph had been killed by a beast. *Genesis 37:34-35*
 - David's son Absalom conspired to take away the kingdom ... David and his men lamented. *2 Samuel 15:30*
- When Absalom died David grieved. *2 Samuel 18:33; 19:4*

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- *"Cast thy burden upon Jehovah, and he will sustain thee: He will never suffer the righteous to be moved" (Psalms 55:22).*

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- Verse 2 *"Does Jesus care when my way is dark With a nameless dread and fear? As the daylight fades Into deep night shades, Does He care enough to be near?"*

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- Ever longed for the breaking of day?
 - God asked Job, *"Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began, And caused the dayspring to know its place?"* Job 38:12
 - In times of sickness and death, God has promised He cares enough to be near. It is not a journey we have to take alone.
 - David said, *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me"* Psalms 23:4

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- Verse 3 *"Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed To resist some temptation strong; When for my deep grief, There is no relief, Tho' my tears flow all the night long?"* (Not in our songbook.)

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- Perhaps there is no grief greater than disappointment in ourselves.
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13 Sometimes we fail to seek *"the way of escape."*
 - Peter. Luke 22:31-34
 - *"Immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter ... And he went out, and wept bitterly"* Luke 22:60-62
 - David. 2 Samuel 11, 12; Psalms 51:3,16-17; cf. 2 Corinthians 7:10

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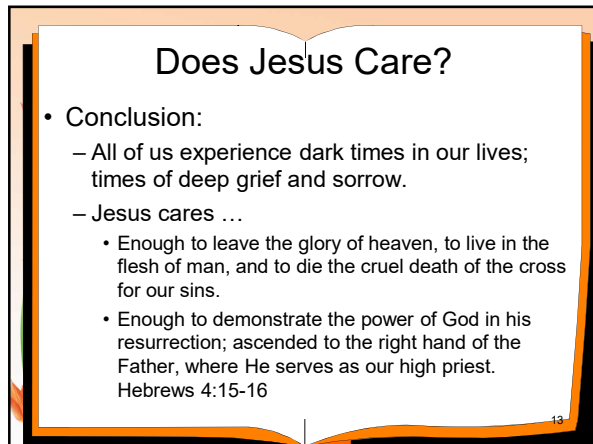
- Verse 4 *"Does Jesus care when I've said 'good-by' To the dearest on earth to me, And my sad heart aches Till it nearly breaks, Is it aught to Him? Does He see?"*

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- The loss of a loved one certainly causes deep pain.
 - *"Jesus wept."* John 11:33-35
 - Paul wrote to comfort those who had lost their loved ones *"in Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

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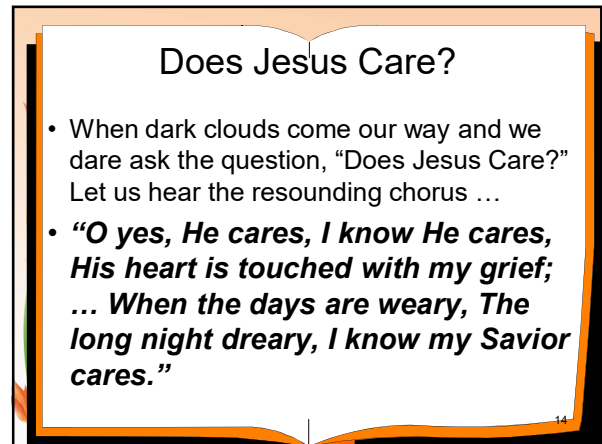


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- Conclusion:
 - All of us experience dark times in our lives; times of deep grief and sorrow.
 - Jesus cares ...
 - Enough to leave the glory of heaven, to live in the flesh of man, and to die the cruel death of the cross for our sins.
 - Enough to demonstrate the power of God in his resurrection; ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He serves as our high priest.

Hebrews 4:15-16

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- When dark clouds come our way and we dare ask the question, "Does Jesus Care?" Let us hear the resounding chorus ...
- ***"O yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief; ... When the days are weary, The long night dreary, I know my Savior cares."***

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