

Comfort

1. The Lord is our shepherd, always leading us in the best way and protecting us. Ps. 23.

2. As an eagle stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, so God cares for his own. Deut. 32:10–12.

“He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, So the Lord alone led him, And there was no foreign god with him.”

3. As a father cares for his children, so God cares for his own; his love is everlasting. Ps. 103:8–18.

4. God always shelters those who put their trust in him. Ps. 91:1–2. He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”

5. God knows us most intimately; he holds and guides us by his hand. Ps. 139:1–12. Ps. 139:1–3. O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my

thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. **Ps. 139:9–10.** If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.

6. The wicked appear to prosper for a time, while the righteous suffer; but actually God is always leading us in the best way; he comforts us with his presence. Ps. 73. Ps. 73:23–24. Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

7. The sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing with the coming glory. Rom. 8:18. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

8. God works all things together for our good. Rom. 8:28. And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

9. If God is for us, nothing can separate us from his love. Rom. 8:31–39. Rom. 8:31. What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against

us? **Rom. 8:38–39.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

10. Jesus, the good shepherd, died for his sheep; he knows, leads, and protects each one; he gives us eternal security. John 10:11. “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” **John 10:14–15.** “I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.” **John 10:27–29.** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father’s hand.”

11. God’s grace is sufficient for every need. 2 Cor. 9:8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

12. Paul had a thorn in the flesh; God’s promise: My grace is sufficient for you. 2 Cor. 12:7–10. 2 Cor.

12:9. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.