God Will Take Care Of You!

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Text: Rom. 11:22

### Intro

1. When someone says, “I’ll take care of you/him/her/them” it can have double meanings!
   1. Positive: The obvious answer is always the best – “I will take care of you” meaning, “I will see to your needs and care for you!” The person will do what is in the best interest for the other person (person being spoke to/about) – *Lk. 10:35: The Samaritan*
   2. Negative: “I will take care of you” meaning, “I will eliminate/handle/get rid of/discredit, etc. you!” The person will do what is in the best interest of the one saying it!
2. God has promised to “take care” of mankind – the pos. or neg. way is up to individuals!
   1. Mt. 25:34, 41, 46: “These *(on His left)* will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous *(on His right)* into eternal life.” *(II Pet. 2:9)*
3. Rom. 11:22: Paul said, “Behold then the kindness and severity of God.”
   1. God’s kindness (goodness, NKJV)
   2. God’s severity
   3. The personal choice (“If”)
4. God will take care of you! Your eternity is assured one way or another – which do you choose?

#### God’s Goodness

* 1. Rom. 11:22: “Consider the goodness…of God” (NKJV)
     1. Ps. 8:4: “What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?” (A Psalm of David) – Mt. 25:34, 40
  2. Rom. 2:4: “The riches of His goodness” (NKJV)
     1. God’s goodness leads to repentance (Rom. 2:4)
     2. God’s goodness can be seen in sending His Son (I Jn. 4:10)
     3. God’s goodness can be seen in our salvation (Eph. 2:1-9)
     4. God’s goodness can be seen in our adoption as sons & daughters (Rom. 8:14-17; II Cor. 6:18)
     5. God’s goodness can be seen in our reservation in Heaven (I Pet. 1:3-4)
  3. The goodness of God is extended to those who “continue in His goodness” (Rom. 11:22).
     1. Heb. 5:9: God saves those who obey Him! (Jn. 14:15: If we love Him we will keep His commandments! That is to obey Him! – I Jn. 5:2-3)
  4. God will take care of us in eternity with eternal life “if” we continue in His goodness!

#### God’s Severity

* 1. Rom. 11:22: “Consider the…severity of God” (NKJV)
     1. Mt. 25:41: Judgment falls on the wicked (Mt. 25:44-45: “Did not take care of” Jesus, thus His disciples)
  2. Rom. 11:17-21: Israel rejected as God’s holy nation and Gentiles grafted in (metaphor of trees) – *Mt. 21:43*
     1. He says not to be arrogant of our adoptions because as God did not spare Israel, He may not spare those “grafted” in.
     2. They were rejected as God’s elect nation because of disobedience (Rom. 10:1-3, 21; 11:20).
     3. Not God’s rejection of the Jews’ individual salvation (Rom. 1:16; 3:1-2; 11:1).
  3. II Pet. 2:1-9: God’s severity seen in judgment upon the wicked
     1. Sinful angels – II Pet. 2:4 *(Jude 6)*
     2. World of Noah’s day – II Pet. 2:5 *(Gen. 6:12-13)*
     3. Sodom & Gomorrah – II Pet. 2:6 *(Gen. 19:24)*
     4. The wicked will be punished in Hell – II Pet. 2:9-11 *(Mt. 25:41-46)*
  4. Heb. 10:26-31: God’s severity seen on the unfaithful!
     1. God views one who has fallen away guilty of:
        1. Trampling under foot the Son of God
        2. Regarding His blood as unclean
        3. Insulting the Spirit of grace
     2. Heb. 10:27, 31: Judgment is all that’s left to such an individual!
     3. To turn away is serious and a “terrifying thing!” *(Heb. 10:26-31)*
  5. God will take care of us in eternity with eternal punishment “if” we continue in His severity!

#### Personal Choice

* 1. Rom. 11:22: “If you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.”
     1. Which will you choose – God’s severity or His goodness?
     2. Will you choose to fear God or to fail God?
     3. Will you choose to obey or reject God?
  2. God’s goodness is reserved for those who are obedient & faithful!
     1. God’s grace is given to the one who is obedient (Rom. 6:14-18)
     2. God’s mercy is given to the one justified by conforming to the image of His Son (Rom. 8:29-30)
     3. God’s love is given to the one who “walks with him” in keeping His commandments through obedience (I Jn. 2:3-6)
     4. God’s home in Heaven is given to those who are “faithful until death” and “overcomes” (Rev. 2:10; 21:7)
  3. God’s severity is reserved for those who are disobedient & wicked
     1. II Thess. 1:7-9: Those who do not know God and who have not obeyed the gospel will be eternally separated from Him!
     2. Rev. 20:14-15: The 2nd death is for those not written in the Book of Life!
  4. We choose if we want God to take care of us with His goodness or with His severity!

## Conclusion

1. God’s people are to serve Him with fear/reverence – Heb. 12:28-29
2. When we remember God’s rejection of Israel as His nation, we should pay attention:
   1. To continue (obey/abide) in His goodness that we not be “cut off” – Rom. 11:22
   2. There is a day of wrath that is coming – Rom. 2:5-8
      1. Blessing of eternal life to those who do good
      2. Wrath and indignation to those who disobey *(II Thess. 1:7-9)*
   3. God’s goodness blesses our lives now and will bless us eternally – Rom. 2:7
3. God will take care of you! *(Blessing or curse!)*
4. “Consider the goodness and severity of God” and choose to “continue in His goodness!”
5. If you are not a Christian, you need to be. Repent and be baptized into His name!
6. If a Christian in error, don’t wait till it’s eternally too late. Repent and be renewed!
7. Whatever your requests, let them be made known ***NOW*** while we stand & sing!