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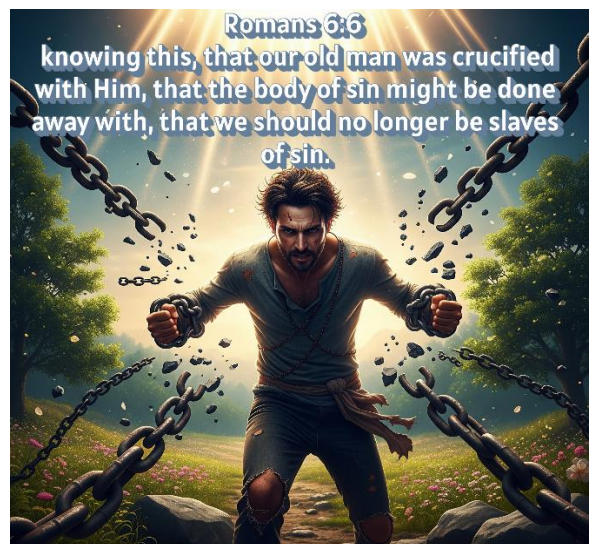
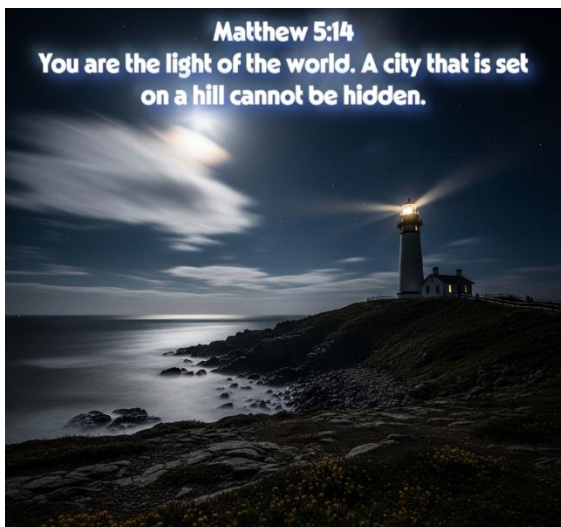
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The Lord Takes Care of His People, 7/6/2025 By Patrick Hite

It would be a gross understatement to say that we live in uncertain times. We look around us and see a world that is almost constantly embroiled in violent conflict that leads to the deaths of thousands and drastically impacts the lives of countless others. We see some nations where Christians are threatened with violence for speaking the word of God. Nations that even go so far as to torment the Lord's people in an effort to make them renounce their faith, as was done in the distant past under the hand of Rome. We see other nations, including our own, where the people engage in all sorts of lewdness, greediness, riotous living, evil speaking, and other godless behaviors. Those who would deny the Lord and call what is evil good and what is good evil. Such things that bring to mind the description of Noah's generation (**Genesis 6:5**) or the description of the nation of Israel in the days of the Judges (**Judges 21:25**). We see a society that seems to be very swiftly moving towards a mindset that Christians are a plague in need of eradication. That we ought to be driven out of society or thrown into prison or even put to death. We look around us and it seems like all we see is uncertainty. Will the world descend into another global conflict? Will our culture degenerate to the point that we cannot assemble without risking our own safety? Will our society turn against us so much that simply owning a Bible is a criminal offense? These questions and others plague the minds of many Christians. So what are Christians to do in these uncertain times we live in?

While there are many things that can and have been said on this, I will leave you with the one that I believe encompasses all others: in these uncertain times, we must hold on to the certainty that God takes care of His people. In **Psalms 125:1-2** David writes, **"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people from this time forth and forever"**. The Lord watches over those who are His. In all things that we need, He takes care of us in the ways that only He is able. In both good times and hard times God is there, providing for us and protecting us. We need to remember that He will be there for us through those difficult times. But we also should remember that none of those things that make us worry have the power to keep us from God. In **Romans 8:38-39** Paul says, **"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 keep us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord"**. Not a single thing in this life will be able to keep us from our Father. Not the wars that are waged, not the godless depravity of others, not the persecutions we suffer. Nothing, save our own missing of the mark, is going to keep us from the love of God. The Lord has said that He will never forsake us (**Hebrews 13:5**), and that He is with us always (**Matthew 28:20**). We simply need to do our part and remain steadfast in our devotion to Him knowing that He will be with us (**James 4:8**). This is not to say that everything will always be easy. We know that we are going to suffer as Christians (**II Timothy 3:12**), and there is nothing wrong with us being concerned with what is to come and praying that things turn out well (**I Timothy 2:1-2**). But ultimately it is God who will see us through any perils that life has to offer (**Isaiah 41:10**). In these uncertain times, let us remember with certainty that God takes care of His people.