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	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
J A N U A R Y	1 Jn 1:1-5; Lk 1:1-25; Mt 1:1-17; Lk 3:23-38	2 Lk 1:26-56; Mt 1:18-25	3 Lk 1:57-2:20	4 Lk 2:21-38; Mt 2:1-23; Lk 2:39-52	5 Jn 1:6-27; Mt 3:1-12; Mk 1:1-8; Lk 3:1-18	6 Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; Jn 1:28-2:12	7 Mt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13; Jn 2:13-3:21
	8 Jn 3:22-4:42	9 Lk 3:19-20; Jn 4:43-54; Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:14-32; Mt 4:12-17	10 Mk 1:16-34; Mt 4:18-22; Lk 5:1-11; Lk 4:33-41; Mt 8:14-17	11 Mk 1:35-2:12; Lk 4:42-44; Lk 5:12-26; Mt 4:23-25; Mt 8:2-4; Mt 9:1-8	12 Mt 9:9-17; Mk 2:13-28; Lk 5:27-6:5; Mt 12:1-8	13 Mk 3:1-19; Mt 12:9-21; Lk 6:6-19	14 Lk 6:20-26; Mt 5:1-37
	15 Lk 6:27-36; Mt 5:38-6:34	16 Lk 6:37-7:1; Mt 7:1-8:1	17 Lk 7:2-30; Mt 8:5-13; Mt 11:2-15	18 Mt 11:16-30; Lk 7:31-50	19 Mk 3:20-35; Mt 12:22-50; Lk 8:19-21; Jn 5	20 Lk 8:1-15; Mt 13:1-23; Mk 4:1-20	21 Lk 8:16-18; Mk 4:21-34; Mt 13:24-53
	22 Mt 8:18-34; Mk 4:35-5:20; Lk 8:22-39	23 Mk 5:21-43; Lk 8:40-56; Mt 9:1, 18-26	24 Mt 9:27-10:15; Mk 6:1-13; Mt 13:54-58; Lk 9:1-6	25 Mt 10:16-11:1; Mk 6:14-29; Mt 14:1-12; Lk 9:7-9	26 Jn 6:1-13; Mk 6:30-44; Lk 9:10-17; Mt 14:13-21	27 Mt 14:22-36; Jn 6:14-21; Mk 6:45-56; Jn 6:22-7:1	28 Mk 7:1-23; Mt 15:1-20; Mk 7:24-8:13; Mt 15:21-16:4
	29 Mt 16:5-23; Mk 8:14-33; Lk 9:18-22	30 Mt 16:24-17:9; Mk 8:34-9:10; Lk 9:23-36	31 Mk 9:11-32; Mt 17:10-23; Lk 9:37-45				

Why Harmonize the Gospels?

In powerful language the four Gospel writers present Jesus Christ—who He is, what He said, what He did, the meaning of His life. Each author contributes a particular focus to the story of Christ's life. Reading the Gospels in harmony brings their unique contributions into a single narrative.

Matthew wrote to fellow Jews familiar with the Old Testament prophecies about a coming Messiah. Mark emphasized the action and impact of Christ's ministry. Luke collected eyewitness accounts and historical data. John focused on Christ's purpose for coming to the earth.

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				1 Jn 7:2-9:41	2 Jn 10:1-21; Mt 17:24-18:5; Mk 9:33-41; Lk 9:46-50	3 Mt 18:6-19:2; Mk 9:42-10:1; Lk 9:51-62	4 Lk 10:1-12:48
	5 Lk 12:49-13:35	6 Jn 10:22-42; Lk 14:1-35	7 Lk 15:1-16:31; Lk 17:1-18:14; Jn 11:1-54	8 Mt 19:3-15; Mk 10:2-16; Lk 18:15-17	9 Mt 19:16-20:16; Mk 10:17-31; Lk 18:18-30	10 Mk 10:32-52; Lk 18:31-19:10; Mt 20:17-34	11 Lk 19:11-28; Jn 11:55-12:11
	12 Jn 12:12-19; Mt 21:1-11; Mk 11:1-11; Lk 19:29-44	13 Mk 11:12-26; Mt 21:12-22; Lk 19:45-46; Jn 12:20-41	14 Lk 19:47-20:18; Mk 11:27-12:11; Mt 21:23-44	15 Jn 12:42-50; Mt 12:12-17; Lk 20:19-26; Mt 21:45-22:22	16 Mk 12:18-37; Mt 22:23-46; Lk 20:27-44	17 Mk 12:38-44; Lk 20:45-21:4; Mt 23:1-39	18 Foundation of the law: love Mt 23:23; Mt 22:37-40; Mt 5:19-20
	19 Mt 24:1-14; Mk 13:1-13; Lk 21:5-19	20 Mt 24:15-42; Mk 13:14-37; Lk 21:20-36	21 Mt 24:43-51; Mt 25:1-46; Lk 21:37-38	22 Mt 26:1-19; Mk 14:1-16; Lk 22:1-13; Jn 13:1	23 Jn 13:2-32; Mt 26:20-25; Mk 14:17-21; Lk 22:14-16, 21-23	24 Mt 26:26-35; Mk 14:22-31; Lk 22:17-20, 24-38; Jn 13:33-38; 1 Cor 11:23-29	25 Jn 14:1-15:27
	26 Jn 16:1-18:1	27 Mt 26:36-56; Mk 14:32-52; Lk 22:39-53; Jn 18:2-12	28 Jn 18:13-24; Mt 26:57-68; Mk 14:53-65; Lk 22:54-55, 63-65	29 Mt 26:69-27:10; Mk 14:66-15:1; Lk 22:56-62, 66-23:1; Jn 18:25-28; Acts 1:15-19			

The Passover service will be observed the evening of April 5, 2012. Before the spring holy days begin, we need to examine ourselves as Paul instructed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-28.

The Greek word translated “examine” means to prove, to test, to determine if something is authentic. Self-examination should focus on the state of our progress in living God’s way. When we examine ourselves properly, we take the Passover in an appreciative and sober manner. Remember, “He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:15).

What does it mean to live for Him? We might start with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5, 6 and 7) and the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12), where Jesus describes Christian character. How are we doing in becoming poor in spirit, meek, peacemakers? The Sermon on the Mount is a good place to begin examining ourselves.

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MARCH					1 Mt 27:11-23; Mk 15:2-14; Lk 23:2-23; Jn 18:29-40	2 Mt 27:24-33; Mk 15:15-22; Lk 23:24-31; Jn 19:1-17	3 Mt 27:34-45; Mk 15:23-33; Lk 23:32-44; Jn 19:18-27
	4 Mt 27:46-61; Mk 15:34-47; Lk 23:45-55; Jn 19:28-42	5 Mt 27:62–28:8; Mk 16:1-11; Lk 23:56–24:12; Jn 20:1-18	6 Mt 28:9-15; Lk 24:13-48; Mk 16:12-14; Jn 20:19-25	7 Jn 20:26–21:24; 1 Cor 15:3-7; Mt 28:16-20; Mk 16:15-20; Lk 24:49-53; Acts 1:1-12; Jn 21:25	8 Acts 1:13–2:41; Gen 1-3	9 Acts 2:42–3:26; Gen 4-6	10 Acts 4:1–5:11; Gen 7-9
	11 Acts 5:12–6:15; Gen 10-12	12 Acts 7:1–8:4; Gen 13-15	13 Acts 8:5-40; Gen 16-18	14 Acts 9; Gen 19-21	15 Acts 10:1–11:18; Gen 22-24	16 Acts 11:19–12:25; Gen 25-27	17 Acts 13:1–14:7; Gen 28-30
	18 Acts 14:8–15:35; Gen 31-33	19 Acts 15:36–16:40; Gen 34-36	20 Acts 17:1–18:21; Gen 37-39	21 Acts 18:22–19:41; Gen 40-42	22 Acts 20:1–21:14; Gen 43-46	23 Acts 21:15–22:21; Gen 47-50	24 Acts 22:22–23:35; Exod 1-3
	25 Acts 24-25; Exod 4-6	26 Acts 26:1–27:26; Exod 7-9	27 Acts 27:27–28:31; Exod 10-12	28 James 1:1-27; Exod 13-15	29 James 2:1-13; Exod 16-18	30 James 2:14-26; Exod 19-21	31 James 3:1-18; Exod 22-24

After finishing the harmony of the Gospels, we will read the remainder of the New Testament and the Old Testament in what some scholars believe was the original order. According to C.R. Gregory, the New Testament order is the Gospels, Acts, the general letters of James, Peter, John and Jude, Paul's letters and, finally, the book of Revelation (*Canon and Text of the New Testament*, pp. 467-469). This is also the order used by Ivan Panin in his translation, *The New Testament*. Since to the Jews were "committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2), we will follow their traditional order of the Old Testament. This order of the Law, the Prophets and the Writings was confirmed by Christ (Luke 24:44). As you read the Scriptures in this order, what insights do you find over the order found in most Bibles today?

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A P R I L	1 James 4:1-17; Exod 25-27	2 James 5:1-20; Exod 28-30	3 1 Pet 1:1-25; Exod 31-33	4 1 Pet 2:1-25; Exod 34-36	5 Passover PM 1 Pet 3:1-22; Exod 37-40	6 NTBMO - PM 1 Pet 4:1-19; Lev 1-3	7 FDUB
	8	9	10	11	12	13 LDUB	14 1 Pet 5:1-14; Lev 4-6
	Days of Unleavened Bread Break in Reading						
	15 2 Pet 1:1-21; Lev 7-9	16 2 Pet 2:1-22; Lev 10-12	17 2 Pet 3:1-18; Lev 13-15	18 1 John 1:1-10; Lev 16-18	19 1 John 2:1-29; Lev 19-21	20 1 John 3:1-24; Lev 22-24	21 1 John 4:1-21; Lev 25-27
	22 1 John 5:1-21; Num 1-3	23 2 John; Num 4-6	24 3 John; Num 7-9	25 Jude; Num 10-12	26 Rom 1; Num 13-15	27 Rom 2; Num 16-18	28 Rom 3; Num 19-21
	29 Rom 4; Num 22-24	30 Rom 5; Num 25-27					

God commands us to bring an offering on the holy days. "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you" (Deuteronomy 16:16-17). In preparing an offering we should ask, "How have I been blessed?" God requires us to relate our offering to our blessings. Sometimes it is easy to count physical blessings, and at other times it is not. This forces us to dig deeper into the meaning of the season and our ultimate deliverance.

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M A Y			1 Rom 6; Num 28-30	2 Rom 7:1–8:4; Num 31-33	3 Rom 8:5-39; Num 34-36	4 Rom 9; Deut 1-3	5 Rom 10; Deut 4-6
	6 Rom 11; Deut 7-9	7 Rom 12-13; Deut 10-12	8 Rom 14; 16:25-27; 15:1-13; Deut 13-15	9 Rom 15:14–16:24 Deut 16-18	10 1 Cor 1; Deut 19-21	11 1 Cor 2; Deut 22-24	12 1 Cor 3; Deut 25-27
	13 1 Cor 4; Deut 28-30	14 1 Cor 5; Deut 31-34	15 1 Cor 6; Josh 1-3	16 1 Cor 7; Josh 4-6	17 1 Cor 8; Josh 7-9	18 1 Cor 9; Josh 10-12	19 1 Cor 10:1–11:1; Josh 13-15
	20 1 Cor 11:2-34; Josh 16-18	21 1 Cor 12; Josh 19-21	22 1 Cor 13; Josh 22-24	23 1 Cor 14; Judg 1-3	24 1 Cor 15; Judg 4-6	25 1 Cor 16; Judg 7-9	26 2 Cor 1; Judg 10-12
	27 Pentecost 2 Cor 2-3; Judg 13-15	28 2 Cor 4-5; Judg 16-18	29 2 Cor 6; Judg 19-21	30 2 Cor 7; 1 Sam 1-3	31 2 Cor 8; 1 Sam 4-6		

The word *disciple* comes from a Greek word that means a learner of principles. In the New Testament, disciple most often describes Christ's original 12 companions and others who closely followed Him.

This word poses a question for us. "Does Jesus Christ consider me His disciple?" He describes a disciple as one who loves. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35; see also Matthew 22:34-40).

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							1 2 Cor 9; 1 Sam 7-9	2 2 Cor 10; 1 Sam 10-12
	3 2 Cor 11; 1 Sam 13-15	4 2 Cor 12; 1 Sam 16-18	5 2 Cor 13; 1 Sam 19-21	6 Gal 1; 1 Sam 22-24	7 Gal 2; 1 Sam 25-27	8 Gal 3; 1 Sam 28-31	9 Gal 4; 2 Sam 1-3	
	10 Gal 5; 2 Sam 4-6	11 Gal 6; 2 Sam 7-9	12 Eph 1; 2 Sam 10-12	13 Eph 2; 2 Sam 13-15	14 Eph 3; 2 Sam 16-18	15 Eph 4; 2 Sam 19-21	16 Eph 5; 2 Sam 22-24	
	17 Eph 6; 1 Kings 1-3	18 Phil 1; 1 Kings 4-6	19 Phil 2; 1 Kings 7-9	20 Phil 3; 1 Kings 10-12	21 Phil 4; 1 Kings 13-15	22 Col 1; 1 Kings 16-18	23 Col 2; 1 Kings 19-22	
	24 Col 3; 2 Kings 1-3	25 Col 4; 2 Kings 4-6	26 1 Thes 1; 2 Kings 7-9	27 1 Thes 2; 2 Kings 10-12	28 1 Thes 3; 2 Kings 13-15	29 1 Thes 4; 2 Kings 16-18	30 1 Thes 5; 2 Kings 19-21	

The days preceeding Christ's return will bring difficult physical and spiritual challenges. As the world's systems break down, life will get harder. There will be false hopes, deceptive plans and finally the antichrist (Matthew 24).

God is our refuge as these events unfold. We need to be spiritually prepared. The apostle Paul wrote, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. ... Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:10, 13).

How much do we know about the armor of God? Are we as familiar with our spiritual armor as a soldier is with his equipment? We trust in God's protection and put on our armor every day.

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J U L Y	1 2 Thess 1; 2 Kings 22-25	2 2 Thess 2; Isa 1-3	3 2 Thess 3; Isa 4-6	4 Heb 1; Isa 7-9	5 Heb 2; Isa 10-12	6 Heb 3:1-4:13; Isa 13-15	7 Heb 4:14-6:8; Isa 16-18
	8 Heb 6:9-20; Isa 19-21	9 Heb 7; Isa 22-24	10 Heb 8; Isa 25-27	11 Heb 9; Isa 28-30	12 Heb 10:1-18; Isa 31-33	13 Heb 10:19-39; Isa 34-36	14 Heb 11:1-12:11; Isa 37-39
	15 Heb 12:12-29; Isa 40-42	16 Heb 13; Isa 43-45	17 1 Tim 1; Isa 46-48	18 1 Tim 2; Isa 49-51	19 1 Tim 3; Isa 52-54	20 1 Tim 4; Isa 55-57	21 1 Tim 5; Isa 58-60
	22 1 Tim 6; Isa 61-63	23 2 Tim 1; Isa 64-66	24 2 Tim 2; Jer 1-3	25 2 Tim 3; Jer 4-6	26 2 Tim 4; Jer 7-9	27 Titus 1; Jer 10-12	28 Titus 2; Jer 13-15
	29 Titus 3; Jer 16-18	30 Philemon; Jer 19-21	31 Jer 22-24				

The book *America's God and Country* contains hundreds of quotes praising the Bible. This small sample causes us to ask, "How important is the Bible to me?"

George Washington stated, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." John Quincy Adams said, "It has been my custom for many years to read the Bible in its entirety once a year." Daniel Webster stated, "If we abide by the principles taught by the Bible, our country will go on prospering." Andrew Jackson said, "The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests." Theodore Roosevelt stated, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education."

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A U G U S T				1 Jer 25-27	2 Jer 28-30	3 Jer 31-33	4 Jer 34-36
	5 Jer 37-39	6 Jer 40-42	7 Jer 43-45	8 Jer 46-48	9 Jer 49-52	10 Rev 1; Ezek 1-3	11 Rev 2:1-11; Ezek 4-6
	12 Rev 2:12-29; Ezek 7-9	13 Rev 3:1-13; Ezek 10-12	14 Rev 3:14-22; Ezek 13-15	15 Rev 4; Ezek 16-18	16 Rev 5; Ezek 19-21	17 Rev 6; Ezek 22-24	18 Rev 7; Ezek 25-27
	19 Rev 8; Ezek 28-30	20 Rev 9:1-12; Ezek 31-33	21 Rev 9:13-21; Ezek 34-36	22 Rev 10; Ezek 37-40	23 Rev 11; Ezek 41-44	24 Rev 12; Ezek 45-48	25 Rev 13; Hos 1-3
	26 Rev 14; Hos 4-6	27 Rev 15; Hos 7-10	28 Rev 16; Hos 11-14	29 Rev 17; Joel 1-3	30 Rev 18; Amos 1-3	31 Rev 19; Amos 4-6	

God created the Sabbath for several purposes. It is a reminder that He is the Creator and we are the created. It is a day for assembly and worship. It is a full day of rest from our regular labor. It is a day of spiritual restoration. It is a day for encouraging one another. When these elements come together, the Sabbath is one of God's greatest blessings. The Sabbath is a foretaste of the peace, restoration and encouragement that is coming for the whole world.

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								1 Rev 20; Amos 7-9
	2 Rev 21; Obadiah	3 Rev 22; Jon 1-4	4 Mic 1-3	5 Mic 4-7	6 Nah 1-3	7 Hab 1-3	8 Zeph 1-3	
	9 Hag 1-2	10 Zech 1-3	11 Zech 4-6	12 Zech 7-10	13 Zech 11-14	14 Mal 1-2	15 Mal 3-4	
	16 Psa 1-5	17 - Trumpets Psa 6-10	18 Psa 11-15	19 Psa 16-20	20 Psa 21-25	21 Psa 26-30	22 Psa 31-35	
	23 Psa 36-40	24 Psa 41-45	25 Psa 46-50	26 - Atonement Psa 51-55	27 Psa 56-60	28 Psa 61-65	29 Psa 66-70	
	30 Psa 71-75							

As we watch for Christ's return and fulfill our daily responsibilities, Paul reminds Christians to hang on to our hope. Be comforted because God is with us, and He has good works for us to do.

"Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled. ... Stand fast and hold to the traditions which you were taught. ... Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work" (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2, 15-17).

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O C T O B E R		1	2	3	4	5	6
	Break for Feast of Tabernacles						
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	FOT	LGD	Travel Days		Psa 76-80	Psa 81-85	Psa 86-90
	14 Psa 91-95	15 Psa 96-100	16 Psa 101-105	17 Psa 106-110	18 Psa 111-115	19 Psa 116-120	20 Psa 121-125
	21 Psa 126-130	22 Psa 131-135	23 Psa 136-140	24 Psa 141-145	25 Psa 146-150	26 Pro 1-3	27 Pro 4-6
	28 Pro 7-9	29 Pro 10-12	30 Pro 13-15	31 Pro 16-18			

As the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day approaches, please pray that it will be an inspiring and focusing eight days for everyone. Pray for God to bless those who cannot attend the Feast this year.

The holy days remind us of God's solution to world problems. He sent His Son the first time to pay the penalty for sin. He's sending His Son again to rule the world. With Satan bound and godly leaders in place, Christ will administer a righteous government. People will experience living the one way that works—God's way. There will be peace, joy and abundance. Have you noticed the importance of music, singing and dancing in the Millennium?

Let's put ourselves into serving and giving the best we can, so that we can better appreciate what this Feast represents.

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					1 Pro 19-21	2 Pro 22-24	3 Pro 25-27	
	4 Pro 28-31	5 Job 1-3	6 Job 4-6	7 Job 7-9	8 Job 10-12	9 Job 13-15	10 Job 16-18	
	11 Job 19-21	12 Job 22-24	13 Job 25-27	14 Job 28-30	15 Job 31-33	16 Job 34-36	17 Job 37-39	
	18 Job 40-42	19 Song 1-4	20 Song 5-8	21 Ruth 1-4	22 Lam 1-3	23 Lam 4-5	24 Eccl 1-3	
	25 Eccl 4-6	26 Eccl 7-9	27 Eccl 10-12	28 Est 1-3	29 Est 4-6	30 Est 7-10		

This month Americans celebrate Thanksgiving Day. Other nations have days of thanksgiving at different times. We should always be grateful. It seems obvious, but how much time do we spend being thankful? Is it enough time? Are we thankful to God for the blessings we enjoy? Many nations have been blessed because of God's promises to Abraham. In the future Kingdom of God, God promises the world will have even greater cause for thanksgiving. "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; the mountains shall drip with sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it" (Amos 9:13).

Today we can be grateful for our calling and God's truth, love and mercy. "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we may boldly say: 'The LORD is my helper'" (Hebrews 13:5-6).

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								1 Dan 1-3
	2 Dan 4-6	3 Dan 7-9	4 Dan 10-12	5 Ezra 1-3	6 Ezra 4-6	7 Ezra 7-10	8 Neh 1-3	
	9 Neh 4-6	10 Neh 7-9	11 Neh 10-13	12 1 Chron 4-6	13 1 Chron 7-9	14 1 Chron 10-12	15 1 Chron 13-15	
	16 1 Chron 16-18	17 1 Chron 19-21	18 1 Chron 22-25	19 1 Chron 26-29	20 2 Chron 1-3	21 2 Chron 4-6	22 2 Chron 7-9	
	23 2 Chron 10-12	24 2 Chron 13-15	25 2 Chron 16-18	26 2 Chron 19-21	27 2 Chron 22-24	28 2 Chron 25-27	29 2 Chron 28-30	
	30 2 Chron 31-33	31 2 Chron 34-36						

Christ gives us good advice for the coming year. He tells us to focus on the Kingdom and His righteousness. As we think about what is good and true, we'll be less caught up in worry and distractions. In Matthew 6:25-34 Jesus talks about God's concern for us. He took exquisite care in creating temporary things like grass and flowers. He set in motion intricate systems of support. Birds have food. Animals thrive. God planned extensively for lesser beings. Wouldn't He do this and even more for His children?

It's a matter of believing what Jesus said. God's care for little things reflects His care for us.