

FBC Devotion Wednesday March 25 2020 Psalm 121

Although not meeting corporately, we still have the ability to be the church by continuing to give, love, and serve one another. Even if we don't have a building to go to, we have an all-powerful and all-loving God. He will still provide ways for us to care for our church family.

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, the words of Psalm 121 came to mind this morning. **"My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."** v. 2 He's All-powerful. Our God is a mountain mover and Creator of heaven and earth. He's with us, always. He breathes help and strength into our day.

"He will not let you stumble; the one who watches over you will not slumber." v 3 He won't allow us to fall. We may find ourselves on slippery slopes, or the path we're walking seems to be full of potholes and obstacles. But the God who knows all, knows our way. And even when we stumble, as our eyes are fixed on Him, He will keep our footsteps firm. He watches over us and never sleeps.

"The Lord himself watches over you! The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade." v. 5 He keeps us safe in His care. He protects us like the shade protects from the heat of the day. We can be assured that whatever He's given us to do in this life, His covering of protection rests over all of our work and efforts.

"The Lord keeps you from all harm and watches over your life." v. 7 **He protects us from "all harm," not some, but "all." It does not have the final say over our lives.** Fear of death, disease, and hardship has lost its sting, for our lives are hidden with Christ in God. No matter who or what we're rubbing shoulders with each day, God's power is greater than whatever darkness we might face. He is the soul-keeper and He holds all of our tomorrows.

"The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever." v.8 He watches over us constantly, His eyes are always towards us. He cannot look away from those He loves. He watches our going out and coming in, and all in between. He watches over our family and children, even when we cannot see. We don't have to worry, for He strongly supports those whose hearts are His.

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His." 2 Chronicles 16:9.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we cry out to you to stop and arrest this virus sweeping our country and planet. Heal those who are sick. Give strength to all our doctors, nurses, researchers and caregivers.

Thank you for your reminders that you are ever with us. Thank you that you watch over our going out and coming in, and that you neither slumber or sleep. Thank you for your constant care that you are our help and strength in the daily battles that we face. Thank you that you are our Protector and Defender. Watch over those we love and keep them safe. We choose today to keep our eyes off our problems, and fix them solely on you. We choose to look up, for you alone are our Hope.

In Jesus' Name **Amen**