

Intimate Moments With The Father



The World Can Only Sit and Watch God Do For His Children

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Psalm 121

¹*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*

²*My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.*

³*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

⁴*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.*

⁵*The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.*

⁶*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.*

⁷*The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.*

⁸*The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.*

May the Lord bless the reading of His Holy Word.

Dear Lord we thank you for the beauty of Your word. Truly Your Psalms are those of the most beautiful prose ever written and they hold their beauty even through translation from one language to another . But even more so do we praise You and thank You for the knowledge of the things of the Kingdom that You offer freely to us through the reading of Your Word. May the Holy Ghost draw near and lead us in our comprehension of that which You have given us. In Jesus name, Amen and Amen.

Brothers and Sisters, it is important, when studying the word found in the Old Testament, that you keep in mind that the Old Testament always points toward the Messiah, whose words and deeds are recorded in the New Testament. Even the "Law" which was presented in depth in the Old Testament and which was the basis of the entire culture of the "Children of Israel", is brought into an entirely new perception, a new light, when taught by the "Son of God" Himself. Certainly, "an eye for an eye" mentality substantially differs from the "turn the other cheek" mentality that Jesus professes.

Let's look at this lovely Psalm and glean an understanding of the wonderful and awesome promises it proclaims.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." This line would have been understood by Israelites, and is presented to us in the Amplified Bible, to mean: "I lifted my eyes unto the hills around Jerusalem, to the sacred Mount Zion and Mount Moriah. (Places where God has appeared to man) from where my help comes."

"My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth." The Israelites would have certainly thought of the One God, the Invisible God, Jehovah, the Great "I am". But today's believers have knowledge from the New Testament (which the Israelites did not have) and our perception of

“God” once again substantially differs from theirs. The Old Testament Israelites think of a God that appears to men as a burning bush, or a pillar of fire, or a column of smoke, or as a great, invisible presence. He is an awesome God who rains fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah, subjects Egypt to ten plagues, divides the Red Sea. He is a God of Law whose nearness caused Moses’ face to radiate from His power. He exterminates enemies, raises up and topples kings, causes water to spring forth from rocks, supplies bread from thin air in the morning, and has covies of quail scurry into camp every evening. He is a Powerful God whom men must revere and fear. The One and Only God of Israel. The God of New Testament believers is a God Head of three aspects of One God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (a Holy Family, if you will). The God depicted here is the same God as in the Old Testament, but the essence of our New Testament God is Love. God is Love. Because of this great love, the Son aspect of the Triune God, becomes flesh, becomes a man, and offers His life to save the eternal lives of all mankind. This is an enormous thing to do, but we have a God who is “up to the task”, and even much, much more. Our God causes His Spirit to abide within the hearts of the people who believe in Him. (Note: The Hebrew word Lehv is translated as heart. It does not mean an organ in a man that pumps blood. It is used in this way: “Let’s get down to the heart of this matter”. So it is the “core”, the “essence of the thing”, “THE HEART OF THE MAN”. It speaks to the character, “THIS MAN HAS HEART”, morality, “LORD TAKE AWAY THIS HEART OF STONE, AND GIVE ME A HEART OF FLESH”, allegiance, “DAVID HAD A HEART FOR GOD”.) The Spirit of God comes and abides with the Spirit of Man. It is a “marriage”. It is a marriage with a perfect partner and an imperfect partner. The perfect partner has perfect love, unconditional love. Nothing will ever cause this partner to violate a single vow. The imperfect partner has had to endure the curse of “original sin” and is not able to come up to the level of his perfect partner until the curse of “original sin” is removed. Our God is aware of this and He has compassion for us. He will make a way, has made a way for the curse to pass. And then we can be a “real family”. A “happy family”. A “loving family”. **THAT’S THE GOD THAT JESUS DECLARES TO THE WORLD.** The “Abba God”, the head of the “Family of God”. A God that is a part of our lives, a family member, a Father who loves His children. Certainly things happen to a Father’s family, but He won’t sit still while there’s anything He do to help out ! Love works like that. God works like that.

Our dear teacher and Apostle John cuts right to the chase with these words:

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 The same was in the beginning with God.
- 3 **All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**
- 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.
- 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.
- 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, **and the world was made by him**, and the world knew him not.
- 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.
- 12 **But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:**

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me.

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17 **For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

18 No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Just like that John shows you that Jesus created the **Heavens and the Earth**. (So the maker of heaven and earth identified in this Psalm is JESUS.) Jesus is the Son of God, the only Son of God. That through belief in Jesus we may become Sons of God. The Israelites received Him not, so we who believe in Jesus were grafted into their spot, and we become "Spiritual Israel". Also in John, just a little further down, the Holy Spirit is presented as a third aspect of God. So we perceive the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost as the "God Head", but even more importantly, they are the foundation of the **FAMILY OF GOD**, a family to which we belong. So:

"Our help cometh from the Father, which is MY Father, and the Son, with whom I am a joint heir to everything that is the Father's, and the Holy Ghost who is MY teacher, MY comforter, MY protector. The "God Head" is LOVE. All three equally and thoroughly love ME. Our relationship is personal. We are family. "Don't mess with this family because with God all things are possible." "If God is for you, who can stand against you?" I would say that we are in good hands, wouldn't you?

"He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. ⁴Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep."

You see, our father will not let Satan, nor the World, to do whatever they want to do to us. I want you to understand this. Our father may get angry with us for "being bad" and He will discipline us, and admonish us, but He does so to help us to develop into the person we are meant to be. ("Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty." Job 5:17) But when God is angry with the world or with Satan for messing with His children...well, that is a completely different kind of anger. This is the "Protective Father" coming out here, and there is no help for those who raise the ire of this father.

The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The right hand is the hand without a shield. It's like saying, "God has my back".

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. And power as strong as the sun will not kill me by day, nor a power as strong as the moon by night. There's no power in heaven or earth that can kill a child of the Most High God.

The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

In all we do when we leave our homes, in everything to which we set our hands, the Lord will **PRESERVE OUR SOULS**. The soulish realm is the part of us that has feelings and emotions. We

don't want to make decisions in life from our soulish realm, we want to do that from the spirit realm. But God wants us to be happy. As long as we are looking to God for direction, and He directs our paths, He will look out for our happiness. Satan wants to deprive us of our happiness. The World could care less about our happiness. But Our Father which Art in Heaven. Our Father wants us to be happy. He wants us to be successful. He is a Proud Father. He wants to set up a table before us in the presence of our enemies with an abundance for all that is good. "Satan you can see them and you can try your best to upset them, but you will not succeed. Like my servant Job before them, I say to you, behold my children through Christ Jesus, are there any more righteous then they?" Remembering that it is not our righteous that is seen, but the righteousness of Christ, for our lives are hidden in His.

And what God had done for Job, He will do for us....and more...for EVERMORE. It is so good to be a Christian and our prospects in life are so good. That's what we have and that's what we've been promised...for surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

If there are those listening, as I expect there are, who don't know Jesus at all, or perhaps you don't know Him personally, with intimacy, one on one; maybe you know of Jesus but you don't know Him personally the way we talk about Him, and you'd like the kind of closeness with God that we seem to have. Maybe the world and the adversary have pushed your face into the dirt of the earth and your life is filled with fear and failure and you need a way out; you need help but you haven't been able to find anyone to help you. Maybe you've given up and seek comfort in alcohol or drugs and you just keep your brain in a state of numbness and you plan to continue like that all the rest of the days of your life. If this is your case, if you want to feel joy in your heart once again (perhaps you haven't felt joy and happiness for some time, maybe not since you were a child), you are tired of being afraid, you are tired of failing, you are tired of drinking until you're mindless and sick, you are tired of tranquilizing your brain to the point where you are little more then a human blob; if so then bow with me...