

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Store In My Heart

1John 2:1

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Written to those in Asia Minor sometime in the latter half of the first century, the first epistle of John, the Apostle, makes clear that without Christ we are lost. Giving focus to the fact that Jesus is the Christ, John reminds us of the basic teachings of His Gospel: show sound doctrine, obedience, and love in our daily life or know that you are not a true disciple. When we follow the precepts and teachings of the Gospel we can live a holy life, know true joy, and be assured of our salvation, even though we are still imperfect. These things are demonstrated as we actively love one another as part of the family of God. Sin separates. In Christ we can return God.



My Help Comes From The Lord

Ron Drumm

A Psalmist of old wrote: *"I will lift up my eyes to the hills -- from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth"* (**Psalm 121:1-2**). This psalm is often called "The Traveler's Psalm" because it mentions one's going out and coming in (**vs. 8**). The main point of this psalm is that God's help and preservation are always available no matter when, and no matter where a child of God might be.

Let's notice three promises that we have in the Lord. He is our keeper, our shade, and our preserver. The Hebrew writer reminds us, *"For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'"* (**Hebrews 13:5b; Deuteronomy 31:6,8**).

"The Lord is your keeper" (**Psalm 121:5**): He is our protection day and night. The emphasis is on the fact that the Lord never slumbers (**vs. 3-4**). It is comforting to know that God is always awake and aware of our needs and circumstances. A keeper must be alert and always watching over his ward.

"The Lord is your shade at your right hand" (**Psalm 121:5b**): The intense heat and light of our daily walk enjoys the shade that God provides. He knows the difficulties we encounter in this life. It is no small matter when it comes to the trials we face every day, and we would all falter along the way if not for the consolation and comfort God provides in Jesus Christ.

"The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul" (**Psalm 121:7**): Of all the blessings this one gives the greatest help and assurance. The child of God wants to be preserved until the coming of Jesus Christ. All Christians are given such a promise: *"may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (**1Thessalonians 5:23b**).

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For Our Information

Betty Ragsdale is still having pain in her neck and shoulders.

John Ragsdale has a consultation about surgery on his eye.

Brenda Keisler still has pain in her hip.

Dan & JoBeth will travel the end of this week to help his brothers take care of some things for his Mom.

Tonight we start in 1Kings 1.

Wednesday we will begin our study in 1Thessalonians 4

Pray for safety, courage & healing.

Our God is the Creator of heaven and earth. There isn't anything that He cannot do. All we need to do is ask. Our heavenly Father because of His Son will hear us and answer our requests So, we look unto the hills and God's help comes forth to His children. God will be our keeper watching out for us day and night. He will provide the shade of mercy and kindness as we travel through life. He will preserve us blameless until the coming of His Son, Jesus Christ!

Adulthood

Hal Hammons

Like most former children, I can recall a vague but beautiful picture of adulthood I held in my mind while growing up. Eat whatever you want (wrong), go to bed as late as you want (wrong), do whatever you want (if the boss says it's OK), go wherever you want (not if you're married), that sort of thing. Basically, I conceived it as the best of all possible worlds. And except the part about driving a cool car (briefly), pretty much none of it turned out to be true.

But despite all the deflated expectations, I would not go backward for all the cholesterol-laden, high-fat desserts in the freezer case. Adulthood has certainly turned out more ... complicated than I had imagined. But I understand now even more than I did then that childhood is all about preparing for adulthood. Not growing up would be like working out with the team and skipping the game.

We are not meant to stay spiritually immature. God wants us to grow. As wonderful as is the day we find the Lord, every day thereafter should be even better; after all, we are spending those days in such a way as to "*grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ*" (**Ephesians 4:15**). And the closer we get to Christ, the more we realize what a privilege it is to be in Christ, the closer we want to get to Christ.

We meet more challenges as we mature. Or at least, we should. God wants us to keep growing. We need to grow past the milk to get to the meat (**Hebrews 5:13-14**). But although meat is tougher to handle than milk, mature Christians wouldn't want it any other way.

(May we always acknowledge and be thankful for the help God provides each and every day. It is certainly an attitude that will keep us humble about our own achievements. Yet we must also remember the necessity of growth in our own skill and ability so that we can "stand" against temptation. DLH)



We seek only to serve God according to His Will!