



Psa. 121:5 **The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade** upon thy right hand.

In the 121st Psalm, the Bible states that the LORD is a keeper and a shade. Tonight, we will observe what such titles mean to a believer.

Original Word: שָׁמַר **Transliteration:** shamar

Definition: to keep, watch, preserve

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/8104.htm>

Original Word: צֶלַל **Transliteration:** tsel

Definition: a shadow (shade)

<https://biblehub.com/hebrew/6738.htm>

I. THE PERSONAL PROTECTION

Psa 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.

❖ Recognition of vulnerability is an admission of reality, 121:1-2.

2 Cor. 12:10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for **when I am weak, then am I strong.**

❖ Spiritual strength is exhibited by dependence upon the LORD.

Psa. 28:7 **The LORD is my strength and my shield**; my heart trusted in him, and **I am helped**: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psa. 40:17 But I *am* poor and needy; *yet* the Lord thinketh upon me: **thou art my help** and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

Isa. 41:10 Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee: be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God: I will strengthen thee; **yea, I will help thee**; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isa. 50:9 Behold, **the Lord GOD will help me**; who is he *that* shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

Heb. 13:6 So that we may boldly say, **The Lord is my helper**, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Phil. 4:13 **I can do all things through Christ** which strengtheneth me.

❖ Believers can depend upon the LORD and His faithfulness, 121:3-6. The LORD is on the job, 24-7!

Psa. 121:3 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.

- ❖ The Lord is thy Keeper; the Lord is thy shade **upon thy right hand**. "Thy shade" means "thy protection, thy defense." Protection was especially needed on the right hand, as the side which no shield guarded. Latin writers call the right side "latus aperture." (open)

<https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/eng/tpc/psalms-121.html>

- ❖ The phrase “upon thy right hand” = the area of vulnerability, or area of need. However, it is “open” in that it is expected to be available for use or engaging the enemy.
- ❖ The LORD will protect His people under all circumstances.

❖ The protection from the sun was to protect from immense heat. The protection from the moon was from the traditional superstition of lunacy.

II. THE POWERFUL PRESERVATION

121:7 **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.

- ❖ The preservation of the LORD is powerful enough to overcome ALL EVIL.
- ❖ The preservation of the LORD is powerful enough to for the soul's eternity.
- ❖ The preservation of the LORD is powerful enough to cover all of life's challenges: "...thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."
- ❖ The preservation of the LORD is powerful enough for each person – "thy."

Psa. 57:1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: **yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.**

Psa. 63:7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore **in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.**

Isa. 25:4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, **a shadow from the heat**, when the blast of the terrible ones *is* as a storm *against* the wall.

2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but **unto all them also that love his appearing.**

SUMMARY

- ❖ David, the “man after God’s own heart,” exhibited his fellowship with the LORD by using the titles for Him as “*thy Keeper and thy Shade.*”
- ❖ These title are expressions of trusting God for *Protection and Preservation.*

CONCLUSION

Psa. 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall **abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**

- ❖ The believer that stays in close fellowship with the LORD gains a special benefit – “...shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”
- ❖ A special place, “the secret place of the most High,” is for a special person, receiving a special advantage during a special time.
- ❖ The special person receives special protection, special preservation, and, consequently, special peace “under the shadow of the Almighty.”