

Title: The Lord will watch over you
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a: Coming and Going

Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
² My help comes from the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
⁵ The LORD watches over you—
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
⁷ The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸ the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Isaiah 26:8-9

⁸ **Yes, LORD**, walking in the way of your laws,
we wait for you;
your name and renown
are the desire of our hearts.
⁹ My soul yearns for you in the night;
in the morning my spirit longs for you.
When your judgments come upon the earth,
the people of the world learn righteousness.

Galatians 5:24-25

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ **Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.**

b: Get back to the former things

Revelation 2

To the Church in Ephesus

. ² I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. ³ You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.
⁴ **Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.** ⁵ **Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first**

John 21

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, **do you love me** more than these?”
“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “***Feed my lambs.***”

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, ***do you love me?***”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “***Take care of my sheep.***”

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, ***do you love me?***”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “***Do you love me?***” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “***Feed my sheep.***”

¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “***Follow me!***”

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “***Lord, what about him?***”

²² Jesus answered, “***If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.***”

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

c: The cost of being a disciple

Matthew 6

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

“***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,***

¹⁰***your kingdom come,***

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

2 Peter 1 (NKJV)

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue

Matthew 28

The Great Commission

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Romans 1:14 - 16 [NIV]

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

From v 14 – ‘obligated’

- many times we justify NOT doing something because we say “I don’t want to do it out of obligation”

- I’m not saying that we should do everything out of obligation, however if that is what has become our excuse for plainly not doing the will of God – then it’s a problem – that effectively has made you ineffective a lot of times...

d: What Now?

Isaiah 30:15

¹⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In **repentance and rest** is your salvation,
in **quietness and trust** is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

Isaiah 6

Isaiah’s Commission

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”**

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

⁹ He said, “Go and tell this people: