

TWCC Sermon Connection Handout Sunday, November 17th, 2019

<u>Sermon Series</u>: INDESCRIBABLE <u>Sermon Title</u>: The Lord Is Our Keeper!

<u>Opening Scripture Text</u>: <u>Psalms 121:1 - 8 (NKJV)</u> – "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? ² My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not allow your foot to be moved; **He who keeps you will not slumber**. ⁴ Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ **The LORD is your keeper**; The LORD is your shade at your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. ⁸ The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore."

- Our first week of this Series we learned that The Lord is our _____ and our _____! Our Father God is a Very Present ______ in times of trouble! Last week we rediscovered and learned the big, big Redemptive Truth that Lord is Our _____.
- The Lord is our Jehovah Rapha. This was of one the first revealed Redemptive Names God shows Himself as to His Covenant people. He hasn't changed. (<u>Rapha</u> = heal, physician, repair thoroughly, make whole). The Lord is our _____! The Lord is our _____!

Today we are reminded or introduced to The Lord Our _____

OUR LORD KEEPS US SAFE, SECURE AND SUSTAINED IN THE JOURNEY OF LIFE!

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- His ______ all ______ come from above. Our Father God has the ______ to <u>aid</u> and <u>protect</u> His people! We need to remember this truth and embrace this powerful truth with our faith and focus as we journey through life's challenges, circumstances, and crises'.
- We need to remember that God's ______ includes His limitless ability to ______ and ______ believers from <u>ALL</u> ______ and extends not just to all settings of life but for all time, both now and forevermore. *Going out and ...coming in* is an idiom that speaks of the regular routines of life.

GOD'S KEEPING POWER IS CONTINGENT UPON OUR COMMITMENT OF LOVE, FAITH & OBEDIENCE

• <u>Read 2 Timothy 1:7 - 12 (NKJV)</u>.

- **1**st We are not to be <u>!</u> SHAME is the painful emotion created by a consciousness of guilt or shortcoming or impropriety.
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<u>Mark 8:38 (NKJV)</u> – "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

- 2nd We are to share in the _____ of the Gospel. (<u>Suffer</u> = means to undergo hardships or pain).
 - <u>1 Peter 4:16 (NKJV)</u> "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter."
 - <u>2 Timothy 2:3 (NKJV)</u> "You therefore must endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (<u>Hardships</u> = to suffer (endure) evils (hardships, troubles); to be afflicted).
 - <u>2 Timothy 3:12 (NKJV)</u> "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution."
 - Suffering as a Committed Christian includes: PAIN = the suffering of (1) <u>Persecution</u> (from People) (2) <u>Pressure</u> [of circumstances] (3) <u>Peril</u> (Danger) and (4) <u>Problems</u> (Perplexity) <u>Persecution</u> = the public or private backbiting; criticizing; ostracizing; castigation; threats; hostile pursuit of intimidation or harassment by others.
 - <u>POINT OF TRUTH</u>: The _____ of PAIN is inevitable, but the to PAIN is our CHOICE.
 - <u>RESPONSE TO PAIN CHOICES</u>:
 - Suffering is: (1) Affliction (2) Adversity and (3) Persecution
 - Suffering is not: (1) Sickness (2) Disease (3) Poverty or (4) Lack
- 3rd God is able to ______ what we ______ to Him!
- Why to do bad things happen to good people? Why do bad things happen to bad people? <u>Read Luke 13:1 – 4 (NKJV); Read Psalms 91:1 – 16 (NKJV)</u>.
- <u>Romans 8:28 (NKJV)</u> "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

ACCESSING AND APPROPRIATING THE KEEPING POWER OF GOD

- Friends, we need ______ from the CURSE and ______ from EVIL!
- Psalms 91:1 4 (NKJV) "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." ³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."
- Things to Learn about the Divine Protection of God:
 - (1) The Shadow of the Almighty is an energy field / force field; a hedge of protection around us like it was with Job.
 - (2) *He Delivers us from the Snare of the Fowler and from the Perilous Pestilence* which are the subtle things those things that seek to deceive and slowly destroy us.
 - (3) *He Covers us with His feathers and under His Wings we shall take Refuge* protection from storms (natural disasters) and (human) predators.
- <u>Read Psalms 91:5 11 (NKJV)</u>
 - (4) He Spares us from calamities and catastrophes that occur in our communities, our city and in and through our surroundings – Why? Because we committed our lives to Him!
 - \circ (5) He promises and provides DELIVERANCE as a part of His Protection to and for us!
 - <u>Three Types of DELIVERANCE in Psalms 91</u>: (#1) Vs 3 = <u>to snatch up out of trouble</u>; (#2) Vs 14 = <u>to lift and carry to a safe place</u>; (#3) Vs 15 = <u>I will equip you for battle</u>
- <u>Read Proverbs 3:26 (NKJV); Psalms 56:13 (NKJV); Jude 1:24 (NKJV); Revelation 3:10 (NKJV)</u>