

## He's a Keeper Psalms 121

Additional Scripture: Psalms 31:20/Proverbs 3:23/26/II Timothy 4:18/Luke 15

*“He’s not just our help and Lord, He’s our keeper.”* -Pastor Billy R. Johnson

The scripture asks the prodigal life question: *Where does my help, aid, or assistance come from? Who can I count on?* The answer is also provided in the scripture by the psalmist who understood that his help comes not from mountains, rivers, and valleys, but from the One who made those things.

A ‘keeper’ is one who protects, guards, watches over and takes care of. There are special characteristics of a keeper, special capabilities of a keeper, and a special commitment of a keeper that is evident in the scripture.

### The Characteristics of the Keeper

#### *Psalms 121:3-5*

- Scripture tells us we have a *personal* keeper, speaking to us personally through the language of **verse 3** – *“He will not allow your foot to be moved.”*
- He is also a *national* keeper as He watches not only over you individually, but an entire nation (Israel).
- He is there always and does not sleep – meaning to become *slack or unattended*.

*“If your heart is right, it’s hard to miss God.”* – Pastor Billy R. Johnson

### The Capability of the Keeper

#### *Psalms 121:3/7*

- The scripture says, ***“He will not allow your foot to be moved.”*** He will not allow you to be *swayed, to stagger or deviate from the right course.*
- He always provides ***shade*** – *a shadow or protection*, keeping us from all evils, dangers, and harm.
- Proverbs 3:23/26 reminds us even when we leave the shelter of that shade & protection, He continues to keep our foot from being caught in a trap.
- Psalm 31:20 teaches we are hidden in the shelter of His presence, as He keeps us secretly from strife. (II Timothy 4:18).
- All along, He will preserve our life, and preserve our soul. (Psalm 121:7)

### The Commitment of the Keeper

#### *Psalms 121:8*

- Throughout all your journeys, He keeps you. Between all comings and goings, even as you go about your day, He keeps you always.
- He is committed to keeping you, even when we leave the safety of His protection and stumble onto foolish or rebellious paths, He is committed to keeping us. (Luke 15).