

## GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study

### Lesson # 117

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 {KJV}

Teaching Verses: 7-8 {NKJV}

May 30, 2024

TEXT ~ PSALM 121:7-8

TITLE ~THE COVERING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**VV-7-8-{KJV}-“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.”**

The covering of the Holy Spirit is the covering of God! The covering of the Holy Spirit protects, preserves, and provides for every need that you have, that brings honor, praise, and glory to the LORD.

The covering of the Holy Spirit is your spiritual armor. The covering of the Holy Spirit defends God's invested interest in you; it is also the responsibility of the Holy Spirit to coordinate and fulfill God's plans and purposes in your life.

The anointing and the covering of the Holy Spirit protects your externals. The covering of the Holy Spirit guards and protect you from hurt, harm, dangers seen and unseen.

The covering of the Holy Spirit protects. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit provides, preserves, sanctifies, and empowers the inner living sanctuary. The inner living sanctuary is the temple of the Holy Ghost.

I Corinthians 6:19 {KJV} says, **“know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”**

When you are covered by the Holy Spirit, He has the power to disrupt the plots and the plans of the enemy that are designed to damage, discourage, and diminish your faith and trust in the LORD. But because you are covered by the Holy Spirit, the enemy cannot attack you without divine approval.

The covering of the Holy Spirit hedges you in. In Satan's conversation with God, Satan pointed out to God that He {God} had built a hedge around Job, his family, and his possessions.

The hedge that God built around Job, his family, and his possessions was a spiritual hedge that Job could not see; but Satan could. In other words, Satan saw the blessings of the LORD upon Job's life. And Satan knows and can see the blessings of the LORD in your life and the lives of your children.

In Job 1:10, {KJV}, Satan asked God, **“Hast not thou made an hedge about him {Job}, and about his house, and about all he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land .”**

In Job 1:11, Satan had the audacity to challenge God. Satan told God, **“put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.”**

Verse 12 says, **“And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.”** You should not be so connected to your material blessings that you value them more than your relationship with

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the LORD.

God’s hedge around Job was invisible to him. I believe the invisible hedge around Job, his family, and his possessions was the Holy Spirit. Job’s hedge encircled him, his family, and his possessions. Everything that is in the Holy Spirit encircled Job.

But when the day of Pentecost was fully come, there was a divine shift from the encircling of the hedge to the covering and surrounding of the believers. There was also a shift from being encircled by the hedge to being encircled by the grace and the mercy of God.

You need to get this! The covering of the Holy Spirit protects, preserves, and provides for your every need. The Holy Spirit anoints, protects, empowers, and strengthens the outer sanctuary.

The covering of the Holy Spirit protects from hurt, harm, and dangers seen and unseen. The Holy Spirit is the “eyelid” of God! It is the eyelid that protects the eyes.

It is the covering of the Holy Spirit that protects you! The Holy Spirit is the eyelid, the eyes, and the ears of God. The Holy Spirit sees the visible and the invisible. He knows your thoughts afar off, and He hears your every groan.

The hymn writer said, **“I love the LORD: He heard my cries, And pitted every groan: Long as I live, when troubles rise, I’ll hasten to His throne” {An African American Hymnal— # 67}.**

And because the Holy Spirit knows everything, nothing or no one can spring surprises on Him. The covering of the Holy Spirit is your spiritual armour.

When you know that the Holy Spirit has blocked stuff from you, you ought to take delight in publicly giving God perpetual praise. Every day that the Holy Spirit stands in between you and what could have damaged or destroyed you, you ought to the LORD daily praise.

When you are able to comprehend, understand, and appreciate the generosity of God’s grace and mercy that He gives you every day, you ought to take delight in bragging and boasting about the LORD. And when you are truly thankful to the LORD, your praise button should always be set on automatic.

The psalmist said, **“I will bless the LORD at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together” {Psalm 34:1-3, KJV}.**

I know that praise can be personal, but I also know that *“hush money”* can’t silence the grateful generosity of gratitude. The psalmist said, **“My soul shall maker boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glade” {Psalm 34:2, KJV}.**

When you are covered by the Holy Spirit, you are under divine protection 24-7. The Holy Spirit cannot go on strike. The Holy Spirit cannot take a sabbatical or go on vacation.

The Holy Spirit is always in the emergency room of our lives. He is always on “call.” The psalmist said, **“He {the LORD} will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.”**

In verses 5 and 6 of Psalm 34, the psalmist testimony to Israel and to the body of Christ is: **“The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.”**

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The New Living Translation of Psalm 121:5-6 says, **“The LORD Himself watches over you! The LORD stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.”**

And because the Holy Spirit has your best interest, sometimes He has to put you in the slow traffic lane for your own safety. Sometime the Holy Spirit has to detour or redirect you in order to protect and prevent you from becoming a statistic.

When you are covered by the Holy Spirit, His power and His presence is your shield, your guide, and your lifeguard.

When I was brought up in the south, during the harvest season, my mother would do what we called canning. She would cook apples, peaches, and pears. And she would sterilize the mason lids and jars.

And once the apples, the peaches, and the pears were cooked, she would put them into the mason jars. And once the lid was placed on the mason jar and the metal band tightly screwed on, the mason jar would preserve what was in them.

And once the rubber band was tightly secure around the outer edge of the jar, the life was screwed on, and the metal closure was ring was screwed on tightly. The mason jars were securely sealed and would now preserved what was in them.

And that is what the indwelling of the Holy Spirit does! Ephesians 4:30, {KJV} says, **“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”**

When you walk after the Spirit, and when your life is under the influence of the Holy Spirit, like the mason jar, the Holy Spirit will maintain freshness in you. He will keep your worship, your praise, your witness, and your work fresh.

In order to keep your relationship fresh with your husband, your wife, or your boo, you can't keep doing routine stuff. You need to find a way to upgrade your relationship!

When you walk after the Spirit, He will take you to another level. When the Holy Spirit takes you to a higher level, you will experience the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is **“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance” {Galatians 5:22-23, KJV}.**

The context of the teaching text says, the LORD {Jehovah} is thy keeper. And because the LORD is thy keeper, **“the sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.”**

This is what the LORD will do. The teaching text says, **“The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul.”** The word preserve means to protect, to guard, to hedge about, to attend.

When you are covered by the Holy Spirit, He will protect, He will guard, He will hedge you in, and He will attend to your needs. The LORD will not only attend to your needs, but the teaching

text says, the LORD will protect, guard, and attend to you in your going out and your coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

The covering of the Holy Spirit is your protection. Under His protection, you are guarded, hedged in, and attended to in your going out and your coming in.

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