

**I. INTRODUCTION**

**A. 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL P.T.S.A.**

**B. THE PURPOSE & USE OF THE PSALMS** (Eph.5:19; Col.3:16; see Acts 2)

**C. THE PSALMS OF ASCENTS** (120-134; geographical, architectural, literary, vocal; spiritual)

**D. KEEPER: GUARD, PROTECT** (121:3,4,5,(5),7,7,8; see Ps.23; Jn.10:28f)

**II. THE LORD IS MY KEEPER!** (Psalm 121)

**A. PERSONAL TESTIMONY** (1,2)

1. lift up eyes: look w/expectation (1a,b; 123:1,2; Dan.6:10; see Gen.13:14; Is.40:26/Ezk.18:6,15; Jn.4:35)
2. mountains: place of refuge, strength (1a; 125:1; see 11:1; 48:2; 87:1; Is.57:13)
3. beyond mountains: the Covenant Creator (2a,b; see 4&5,5,7,8; 124:8; see 115:15; 146:6; Ex.6:7; Rom.4:17)
4. power of a rhetorical question (1&2; see Rom.3:3f,31; 6:1f,15; 7:7,12f; 9:14; 11:1,11)
5. summary: heavenly cavalry (see 2Kngs.6:17; Ezra 8:22; Eph.1:18f; see Heb.12:22f; Rev.1:9f,etc.)

**B. CORPORATE ENCOURAGEMENT** (3-8; see Ps.34:3f; 66:16f,1f; 116:14,18)

1. slumber & sleep (3,4)
  - a. *certainly not?- you slip because He slumbers* (3a,b; see Ezk.3:17f(Ps.127:1) Gal.3:24f; Eph.6:15; 2Cor.5:21)
  - b. *behold!- not slumber; not sleep* (4; see Is.42:6; Lk.2:8; Heb.13:17; *contrast* 1Kngs.18:27; Mt.28:13)
  - c. *power of a strong contrast* (4 vs. 3; see Ps.20:7a/b)
2. keeper & shade (5a,b)
  - a. *the Lord is your keeper* (5a; see 18:2; 23:1; 27:1; 28:7; 118:14)
  - b. *the Lord is your shade* (5b; see Song 2:3; Is.25:4; 32:2; Dan.4:12; Mk.4:32)
  - c. *on your right hand* (5b; see 16:8; 73:23; Is.48:13)
3. shade: sun & moon (6a,b; see 2; Ex.13:21; Ps.91:5; Mt.17:15)
4. all & soul (7a,b)
  - a. *all evil* (7a; see 23:4; Mt.6:13; Lk.12:4; see Jms.1:17&Rev.20:10)
  - b. *whole soul* (7b; see Gen.2:7)
5. out & in (8a; see Num.27:17f; Dt.28:6/19; 31:2; Ps.104:23)
6. now & forever (8b; see 1; Ps.136:1ff; Lam.3:22f; Mt.28:20)

**III. LESSONS FOR YOUR FAITH & LIFE**

**A. REMEMBER HOW MUCH YOU NEED THE LORD'S CONSTANT HELP** (3; see Ps.73:2; Jms.3:2)

**B. LOOK BEYOND EVEN MIGHTY EARTHLY THINGS** (1,2; see Eph.1:17f; Acts 7:55f; see 2Kngs.6:17; Ezra 8:22; Heb.12:22f; Rev.1:9f,etc.)

**C. LOOK TO THE LORD ALONE FOR ALL THAT YOU NEED** (1f; see Mt.6:24; 22:37f)

**D. LEAD OTHERS TO FOLLOW JESUS WITH YOU** (1,2; 3f; see 34:3f; 1Cor.11:1; Jn.1:40f; 2Tm.3:10f; Mt.28:19f; discipleship)

**E. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER WITH TESTIMONIES & EXHORTATIONS** (1,2 & 3f)

**F. BE CONFIDENT THE LORD IS WILLING & THE CREATOR IS ABLE TO HELP YOU** (2)

**G. TRUST THE LORD TO TAKE CARE OF YOU IN EVERYTHING, ALWAYS** (3-8; see Psalms!)