

“Our Spiritual Foes and God’s Help”
Psalm 124

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1. The Dangers Facing God’s People/Church in the World

A. The Devouring Devil

Psalm 124:3, 6; Revelation 12:9, 1 Peter 5:8

Doubting God’s Word
Genesis 3:1

Distorting God’s Word
Genesis 3:2-3

Resisting Forgiveness to One Another
2 Corinthians 2:5-11

Failing to Love One Another
2 Corinthians 2:8-11

B. The Flood of Ungodliness against Absolute Truth

Psalm 124:4-5; Judges 21:25; 2 Timothy 4:1-4

Abandonment of Absolute Truth: Postmodernism

Resistance to Absolute Truth: Theological shallowness

2. The Help from God to His People/Church in the World

A. In the Covenant-Keeping Name of God

Psalm 124:6, 8; 1 Samuel 17:45-47; Proverbs 18:10; John 17: 11-12

B. In the Unmatched Power of our God

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 121: 1-2; Isaiah 43:1, 7

While You Were Sleeping

by Bill Elliff

What do you think God thinks about you?

Unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;
unless the LORD guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain.
It is vain for you to rise up early, to retire late,
to eat the bread of painful labors;
for He gives to His beloved even in his sleep.
(Psalm 127:1-2, NASB)

Most believers live with a nagging suspicion that God doesn't like them very much. If we were to dissect that thought and its origins, we would realize that the great Liar, the arch-enemy of God, has been propagating that deception for centuries.

Also, the ever-present-ness of our sin adds fuel to the fire. *How could God like me when I keep failing?*

But then we read the Bible and, if we read it fully, we realize that God is overwhelmed with a mad love for His children.

You've met people (I hope you're one of them) who are insanely in love with their children. They lavish things on them. They talk about them incessantly. They try to give them all the best opportunities. They do everything they can for them.

It's hard for us to fathom, because of our preconditioning, but that is God's affection for us, and more. Think of it this way: His is a **perfect** love, not bogged down by any sinful inconsistencies.

This is why David says we don't need to worry about our provision and protection, because God "gives to His beloved even in his sleep." While you were sleeping, He was giving.

He was thinking of you last night, even when you were completely comatose and not thinking of Him at all. That is the 24-hour love of the Father for you. And He is not only loving you, He is providing for you.

My wife came to bed last night at 4:00 a.m. The reason? She was up making preparations for one of our children, who is leaving on an overseas trip. She was washing clothes and thinking through things this teenager would not think of to help prepare her for her missions adventure.

Why? Because her mother's love knows no time clock.

We waste time in worry about the reality of God's affections for us. If you are one of His beloved children, you can rest soundly. He's providing, even while you sleep.