

The Greatest Fringe Benefit

The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. —**Psalms 121:5-8**

Have you ever been in a situation where you have thought, I wish somebody could see what is happening to me right now? Or maybe something good has happened to you, but there is no one to share it with.

The greatest fringe benefit of being a Christian is found in Psalm 121:5: “The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand.” Do you know what that tells me? It assures me of God’s very presence. It is the most wonderful thing to realize that our heavenly Father is there. And there will come a time, if you develop the relationship with Him that is available to you, when His attention will mean more to you than anything.

The psalmist said in Psalm 16:8, “Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” This means that God promises us Himself. Not only are we assured of going to heaven, but the greatest thing of all is that Jesus says to us, “You’ve got Me! I am with you always, even to the end. I will never leave you or forsake you.” There is nothing more wonderful than knowing that we have Him.

True, you know that you will go to heaven when you die. But when you became a Christian God didn’t just shake your hand and say, “Well done; see you in heaven!” No, He says, “I will be with you. I will see everything that is going on, your coming in and your going, both now and forever more.”

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