

## PRESERVATION

Yesterday evening Pastor Loraine asked Pastor Neil to read Psalm 121 over the congregation and when this was done we immediately knew it was "a word in season" for all of us.

Note how the Lord repeats two very important words - KEEP and PRESERVE.

- To **keep** is to "hold on to," "maintain," "uphold," "sustain," "cherish," "nurture" and "keep possession of."
- To **preserve** is to "protect," "care for," "look after," "safeguard," "keep alive" and "save."

With this in mind read Psalm 121.....

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—  
From whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
He will not allow your foot to be moved;  
He who **keeps** you will not slumber.  
Behold, He who **keeps** Israel  
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is your **keeper**;  
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
Nor the moon by night.  
The Lord shall **preserve** you from all evil;  
He shall **preserve** your soul.  
The Lord shall **preserve** your going out and your coming in  
From this time forth, and even forevermore.

I love how the Psalm ends.... "From this time forth" (from this moment on).

We can all 'receive' this truth right now and move forward in the assurance that He will **keep** us and **preserve** us every step of the way.