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## Thought For the Day

***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 121:7-8

Some Jewish families mount small metal boxes containing written portions of Scripture to the exterior door frames of their homes. They are always mounted on the right side of the door. Some families will go farther and mount them on the right side of every doorway in the interior of their homes as well. These metal boxes are called *mezazas*. As the people pass through these doors, they will reach out and touch these boxes. It reminds them that God is watching over all aspects of their lives and touching them reaffirms God's promise to them. Often these boxes will contain the text of Psalm 121.

In the closing verses of Psalm 121, four promises are made.

First, God will keep you from all harm. The meaning here is that although you may not be kept free from hurt, evil will not be able to hold you. Evil will not be able to separate you from the grace of God.

Second, God will watch over your life or soul. God has hedged you about with his grace and love. You are never out of his attentive gaze.

Third, God will watch over your coming and going. This phrase is a Hebrew way of describing one's ordinary every day activities. Through all of your daily routine, God is alert to your needs. And fourth, this watchful care will be for now and forevermore. It will never end.

Oh that we could fully understand and realize the continuous superintending care of God over our lives! No matter what may come our way, God is ever present and active for our well-being. He works all things for our good. We need have no fear. We can live in joy.

*Open my eyes Lord that I may see the wonders of what you are doing daily for me.*