

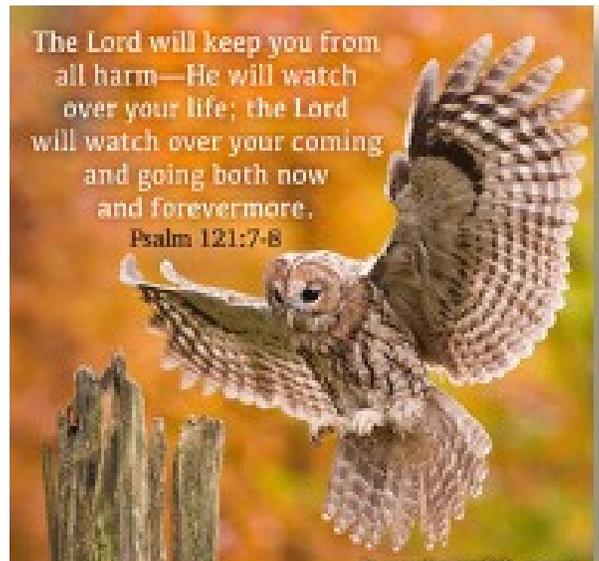
## Does God Watch Over Me?

I believe one of the deepest human fears is that of being alone. Life turns into feelings of being unnoticed, being unprotected, and being unseen. Children feel it in the dark. Adults feel it in the storms of life. But God's Word gives us a truth that pushes back fear. God says, *"You are never unnoticed."* *"You are never unprotected."* *"You are never unseen."* The psalmist said, **"He who watches over you does not slumber" (Psalm 121.3)**. David said, **"The Lord is my shepherd" (Psalm 23.1)**. Jesus said, **"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matthew 6.8)**. God is always there attentive to my every care.

I know God watches over me because He knows me. God knows my fears. God knows my needs. God knows my thoughts before I think them. God knows my path before I walk it. Consider that a good mother in a crowded store never loses sight of her child. She may be looking at the shelves or racks of clothing, but she always knows where her child is. Her eyes track her child without seeming to. Her heart is tuned to her child's presence. If a human parent watches like that, how much more does my heavenly Father watch me? The psalmist said of God, **"You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways" (Psalm 139.3)**.

I know God watches over me and that His watching is continuous. In Psalm 121, we read, **"The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore"** (v. 8). God watches me when life is good. God watches me when my life is hard. God watches me when I feel strong as well as when I feel weak. God sees me walking in faithfulness and even when I am walking away. Have you ever thought about why a lighthouse keeper always keeps the light burning? He does it because he knows storms can rise without warning. God will watch over me and take care of me regardless of what life throws my way.

I know God watches over me and that I can feel secure. During most difficulties in life, we feel shaken. Whether financial hardships, feeling depressed, relational problems, loneliness, or any other situation that makes me feel insecure. But God is always there. He has promised to never leave me nor forsake me (Hebrews 13.5). I can stand on the promises of God that a better day is coming. And on that day, I will stand in His presence, and every care of the world will have passed away.



Gary

# Are You Hungry?

## Matthew 5.6

- 1) Have you ever felt really hungry?
  - a) You say, "I'm starving to death"—
  - b) Or "I could eat a horse."
- 2) Every person knows what it is like to feel hungry.
- 3) Hunger is the body's way of screaming, "I need nourishment!"
- 4) Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5.6).

### I) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Spiritual Hunger.

- A) \_\_\_\_\_ is required for spiritual life.
- B) Spiritual hunger is \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) Illustrations of spiritual hunger.
  - 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ who trains before sunrise.
  - 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ who cries out in the night.
  - 3) The person who \_\_\_\_\_ but never feels full.

### II) \_\_\_\_\_ That Starve Spiritual Hunger.

- A) Spiritual hunger does not disappear—it gets \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) We live in constant \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) We confuse \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual life.
  - 3) Illustration: The man who lost his appetite.
- B) We are warned not to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 2.15-17).

### III) How To \_\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Hunger.

- A) Feed on what \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) Ask God to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Spiritual Hunger.

- A) How do I know if I hunger and thirst for righteousness?
  - 1) This hunger shows up in:
    - (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 3.9).
    - (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (I Thessalonians 5.17, 18).
    - (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1.21).
    - (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 15.22).
    - (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 4.32).
    - (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 10.9).
- B) Five marks of genuine hunger for God's righteousness.
- C) Creating space for hunger to return.

### V) The \_\_\_\_\_ Of Spiritual Hunger.

- A) Jesus said, "They shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5.6b).
- B) The blessing is not in having arrived—it is longing to grow.

**Conclusion:** Are you hungry?



Good morning church family! Hope you like the new look of our Connection Corner. I also hope that this “Spring Forward” and losing an hour of sleep thing didn’t knock you for too big a loop today or catch you by surprise.

As we anticipate installing additional elders by the end of this month, it came to me that we, as a church family, have a responsibility to our leaders as much as they have a responsibility to us. For example, in Exodus 17, Israel battled the Amalekites while Moses stood on a hill with the staff of God raised in his hands and something remarkable happened. As long as his hands were lifted, Israel prevailed. But when Moses grew tired and his arms began to fall, the enemy gained ground.

Seeing his fatigue and weakness, ***Aaron and Hur stepped up beside him***, placed a stone for him to sit on, and ***held up his arms until the sun went down***. Because they supported Moses, Israel won the battle.

This powerful moment reminds us of our role in the Lord’s church today. Spiritual leadership can be heavy, and those who shepherd God’s people often carry unseen burdens. Like Aaron and Hur, ***we are called to hold up the arms of our leaders***.

We do this by **praying for them**, asking God to grant them wisdom, strength, and courage. We do it through **encouragement**, expressing gratitude for their work. And we do it through **unity and cooperation**, standing beside them in the work of the church.

When a congregation lifts up its leaders in this way, God’s work moves forward and His people are strengthened. Let’s try it together – We’ll all be blessed!

-- Les Keele

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Layton Garner

**Song Leader** - Jonathan Bartee

**Song** - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

**Song** - When Upon Life's Billows

**Song** - Nearer My God To Thee

**Opening Prayer** - Robert Bow

**Scripture** - Matthew 5:6

**Song** - Jesus, Name Above All Names

**Song** - There's Something About That Name

**Lord's Supper** - Arthur Torrez

**Prayer For Contribution** - Arthur Torrez

**Song** - On And On We Walk Together

**Are You Hungry?** - Gary Williams

**Song** - Have You Been To Jesus

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer and Dismissal** - Russ Bartee

**Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.**

**Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.**

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, March 9

Numbers 13-14; 2 Timothy 3

### Tuesday, March 10

Numbers 15-16; 2 Timothy 4

### Wednesday, March 11

Numbers 17-18; John 1

### Thursday, March 12

Psalm 90; Numbers 19-20; John 2

### Friday, March 13

Psalm 135; Numbers 21; John 3

### Saturday, March 14

Numbers 22; John 4

### LAST WEEK

Bible Class	119	Wednesday	80
Worship	183	Online	3
Thai-Lao	33	Contribution	\$12,121.65
On-Line Sunday	26	Budget	\$15,372.28

### TIMES OF ASSEMBLIES

Bible Class	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM