

“My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.” Psalm 121:2-4



Anyone who ever stood guard duty knows how difficult it is to stay alert to danger in the monotony of darkness. Fighting sleep is perhaps the most difficult task there is. Many people die yearly falling asleep behind the wheel of a speeding car. The brain numbs and shuts down leaving us helpless and limp. Even the adrenaline rush of awakening to find the road rushing past us and our hands on the steering wheel is not long lasting enough to keep us awake. Soon, we catch ourselves nodding off again. God never sleeps. He never gets tired. He is constantly razor sharp alert. Not even the movement of each electron around its nucleus escapes His gaze. He knows all before its event. He is never caught off guard. He can never be surprised. Coupled with His inescapable gaze is His inescapable power. Intelligent men marvel at the power of black holes with gravity so intense not even light can escape, yet they carelessly disregard the One who created them. What fools they are! To disregard the Person who can snap your life into oblivion with a thought is worse than suicide. At least suicidal people are aware of what they're doing. We can sleep peacefully a night knowing that our heavenly Father is watching over us. He has charged angels with our protection against the unseen forces of evil that constantly surround us. We have no idea of how many times we come close to death during the course of each day. Like a child at play under its mother's alert gaze, we can live peacefully in the knowledge that our God is ever present. James told us that if we *“draw nigh to God...He will draw nigh to [us].”* *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* I believe it's a rhetorical question. Given God's infinite knowledge, power, and presence, the obvious answer is, “No one!” Why do we fret over any danger, loss, or trial? God is still in control even though things may seem random and chaotic. His Plan is still being fully executed and implemented exactly as He intended and nothing is askew or awry. The only thing we really have to be busy about is; living by faith. Faith is implicit trust in and obedience to God's Word. Believers are never told to fret or worry. To the contrary, we are told to *“Cast all our care upon Him,”* and *“Fret not thyself because of evildoers.”*

Our Lord need never rest nor sleep,
And though our actions make him weep,
His Eye will mark our ev'ry step,
And we'll be safely by Him kept. ~CGP

The Eye that watches over you will never close. Stay wary, but don't worry.

“The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.” Psalms 37:18-19