

^[12] And [Jacob] had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ^[13] And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I AM the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. ^[14] Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants will all the families of the earth be blessed. ^[15] And behold, I AM with you, and will guard you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."

[Genesis 28:12-15]

Did you hear the promise the LORD God made to Jacob in Genesis 28:15? In Genesis 28:15^(a), the LORD PROMISED to be "WITH" Jacob and to "GUARD" him wherever Jacob would go. Then in Genesis 28:15^(b), the LORD PROMISED that He would "not leave" Jacob "until" He had "done what" He had "PROMISED" Jacob He would do.

I for one, believe God still PROMISES to "GUARD" those who are His people yet today!

Much later in Joshua 23:14, the FAITHFULNESS of God is seen when, Joshua knowing he was soon to die, spoke to the people who had conquered the land, saying,

"Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that NOT ONE WORD OF ALL the GOOD WORDS WHICH the Lord your God SPOKE CONCERNING [you] FAILED; ALL HAVE BEEN FULFILLED for you, NOT ONE [WORD] HAS FAILED."

Since James 1:17 teaches us that,

Every good thing given, and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow,

I believe that the same is true of God's WORD today. I believe that "NOT ONE [WORD] HAS FAILED" or ever will FAIL!

Let me ask you from where does your HELP come from? Listen now to Psalms 121 and learn from where your GUARDING HELP should come.

^[1] I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where does my help come from? ^[2] My HELP COMES FROM the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. ^[3] He will not allow your foot to slip; He who keeps you will not slumber. ^[4] Behold, He who keeps [you] will neither slumber nor sleep. ^[5] The LORD IS YOUR GUARDIAN; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. ^[6] The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. ^[7] The LORD WILL GUARD you from all evil; He WILL GUARD YOUR SOUL. ^[8] The LORD WILL GUARD your going out and your coming in FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVER.

In John 17 we hear the Lord Jesus praying in the upper room after the Last Supper. Listen to what He prays for in John 17:11-13.

And I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, GUARD them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are. While I was with them, I was GUARDING them in Your name which You have given Me; and I GUARDED them, and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:3 the Holy Spirit moved Paul to write and teach you that, "... the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and GUARD you from the evil one."

Also, the Holy Spirit moved Paul to write in 2 Timothy 1:12 that you can "know Whom [you] have believed and [be] convinced that He is able to GUARD what [you] have entrusted to Him until that day."

Now listen to the PROMISE of 1 Peter 1:4-5 where you are told that you can "obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away", which is "reserved in heaven for you..." That is if you are one of those "who are being GUARDED by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time".

Jude 24-25 also teaches you that there is,

... One who is able to GUARD you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

In closing, Jesus tells John to write to the congregation in Philadelphia and say in 3:10, that, "Because you have GUARDED the WORD of My perseverance, I also will GUARD you from the hour of testing..."

Then in 3:13 Jesus says,

"The one having an ear, let them hear what the Spirit says to the congregations."

Will you please join me in prayer?

O LORD God, my offering of thanksgiving to You today is because You have promised to guard the souls of those who are Your people today, wherever they go! Also, I give You thanksgiving and praise that not one Word of all the good Words which You have spoken concerning Your people will fail. Rather, all have been fulfilled, not one Word has failed. You are faithful to strengthen and guard us from the evil one. For these reasons, I again today joyfully give You thanksgiving and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** Who promises in His Word to never leave you nor forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6,8]!

BECAUSE HIS DIVINE PROVIDENCE GUARDS ME WHEREVER I GO! – tom.