

Psalm 121: Yahweh is my Keeper

The Hebrew root for the verb “to keep” occurs six times in eight verses, but not every translation brings that out. To help us see “to keep” better, the text below uses the same English word for all six occurrences.

Personal Testimony: <i>notice “I” and “my” focus</i>	¹ I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. ² My help <i>cometh</i> from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.
Public Encouragement: <i>notice the “thy” or your focus</i>	³ He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keeps thee will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The LORD <i>is</i> thy keeper: the LORD <i>is</i> thy shade upon thy right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The LORD shall keep thee from all evil: he shall keep thy soul. ⁸ The LORD shall keep thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.