

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:5 - "You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, / Nor of the arrow that flies by day."

Nothing happens but that it crosses God's desk first. It has His fingerprints all over it if it comes our way. We know that He knows everything, but He also knows the best goal, and the best way to reach that best goal for our lives. This is called God's "wisdom." But God is also loving to be choosing that good way to the good goal for us; this is called God's "love." And God's power and control makes it all happen.

So, loved ones, since we have God's wisdom to plan the best for us, and His love chooses that best for us, and His power makes that best thing happen for us, we really don't have a lot to fear. It's like our definition of providence: God designs and controls (governs & guides) every event and circumstance in our lives for His glory and our good.

Since these things are true, and not just wishful thinking, that means that we don't have to be afraid of certain things.

At night various things can happen: fires can break out and destroy property and human lives; robbers can break in absconding possessions and threatening lives; sickness seems to always be the worse at night; sorrow and depressing thoughts about the various things about which we feel a sense of loss. Also, thoughts of death can abound in our thinking more at night than they do in the day. I remember as a child growing up watching channel 13 ABC "Chiller Theater" on Saturday nights, and being terrified by vampires. I even changed my sleeping habits so that no vampire would pull the covers down over my neck and suck my blood out. I really was terrified by vampires as a child. As adults, we have just as terrifying realities to us (even though they may not actually be realities, but they are realities to us). An adult would say to me: "There's no need to be afraid of vampires." God says to us, "There no need to be afraid of whatever is scaring you. God watches at night. No matter what the situation that we face at night, we do not need to be terrified nor afraid when we are in the good hand of our good God! Are you trusting Him today?"

But it's not a fact that God protects us at night while we're sleeping. God promises to protect in the daytime, too! Satan sends fiery darts, and we could be in battle. But the safest place we could ever be is in the hand of God.

There's no need to be afraid. He will protect through all life: night and day. Trade your fears for faith in Jesus. He won't fail, flee or forsake. Giving in to foolish fear dishonors God, and leads others to doubt Him, too. Tell Him that you trust Him, and as Him to help you keep trusting Him.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.