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Psalm 121:5-8



The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Light

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The sun's light travels 93 million miles before arriving on Earth as sunshine, bringing with it both light and heat. Some of the sun's light, called ultraviolet light, is invisible to us and can hurt our eyes and skin when we get too much of it. Ever wonder why you get sunburned when you're in the sun too long? Ultraviolet light is the culprit! The heat we receive from the sun is critical to life on Earth, but at times it, too, can become too much for us, causing dehydration and heat stroke. In order to avoid harmful amounts of light and heat, we must find shade, like that provided by the Hawthorn tree on the front of this Visible Verse™ card.

Just as a shade tree provides relief from the sun's intense light and heat, God desires to shade us from harm. We find His shade when we seek God through His Word and allow truth to work deep into our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. His shade protects us as we walk in obedience and fellowship with God and one another. Jesus warned us of the challenges we would face in life when He said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33b). When Jesus overcame the world by taking on our sins at the cross of Calvary and then defeating death for all time through His resurrection three days later, God's shade became available to all who would call upon the name of Jesus Christ. Now that's cool news!

May you be reminded of God's protection each time you enjoy the coolness of shade.



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