



## TTWM Selah

### Our Ever-Watching Father *Pat Denlinger*

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let my foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil, he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. Psalm 121 (ESV).*

Many times our behavior is different when we are in church or around others, but what we must remember is that God is watching us at all times. He neither slumbers nor sleeps. If we truly love and reverently fear God, we would reflect His holiness in our lives to such a degree that it wouldn't matter who sees us in any situation! "When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him" (Proverbs 16:7) God watches us because He loves us and wants the best for us. He wants us to flee from sin and run into His arms. His eyes are upon us, and He wants us to be secure in Him, dwelling in the secret place of the Most High.

God watched over Hagar and Ishmael in the desert. She said in Genesis 16:13, "You are the God who sees (watches) me. I have now seen (been watching) the One who sees (watches) me." Not only did God watch over Hagar and Ishmael, but Hagar also watched the one who was watching her!

This is indeed how our relationship needs to be with our Heavenly Father. He watches us as the apple of His eye and we in turn must watch and fix our gaze upon Him. He is the God whose *eyes are like blazing fire...His voice like the sound of rushing waters...His face like the sun shining in all its brilliance* (Revelation 1:14-16).

*Lord Your eyes are going over the whole earth. You know everything about us. Thank you for watching over every detail of our lives. We love you Lord and we desire to live lives that are worthy of You! Like Hagar we watch You Father as you watch us. Lord help us to become diligent watchmen just like you.*