



5. "Made in the Shade"

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Sermon Notes

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:1-8

Made in the Shade IS RELAXING IN BLESSING AND

SECURITY

Staying in His Shade IS TRUSTING GOD TO PROTECT YOU

WHILE YOU GO OUT TO SERVE

I. Jonah 4:1-5 - Anger, Judgment

But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

We Stay in His Shade by RELEASING OUR ANGRY

JUDGMENTS AND OFFERING MERCY EVEN TO OUR

ENEMIES

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:43-45

II. Jonah 4:6-8 - Personal Comfort/Happiness

⁶ Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

We Stay in His Shade by SACRIFICING PERSONAL

COMFORT FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But...Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things... Mark 6:30-37a

III. Jonah 4:9-11

⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.” ¹⁰ But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

We Stay in His Shade by EXERCISING A COMPASSION FOR

THOSE LOST AND LIVING IN DARKNESS

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14-16*