

# A few words of encouragement for today . . .

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## THE MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

The last psalm of today, Psalm 124, begins with these words—

*“What if the LORD had not been on our side?”*

The closing line of this psalm declares—

*“Our help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.”*

This is one in a collection of psalms sung by those who were making a pilgrimage journey to worship the Lord at the temple in Jerusalem. The first of these pilgrimage psalms opens with this question and response—

*I look up to the mountains—  
does my help come from there?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made the heaven and the earth.*

As these pilgrims made their way up the Mount of Olives, they looked back over their life experiences, recounting the impossible circumstances, the certain disasters, and the hopeless dangers they had faced and declared: “If the LORD—the Maker of heaven and earth—had not been on our side, we would not be here today! But, hallelujah! we escaped because our help comes from the One who made it all and who controls it all!”

Think of the One who has declares himself to be your help today. You step out of your house into a chilly morning, the frost on the grass sparkling in the sunlight. Some of you will find it invigorating, while others will lament that it is cold. But think for a minute of the reasons behind this cool autumn morning. As our part of the earth rotates toward the sun, we have day; as it rotates away, we have night. As the earth now tilts on its axis away from the sun, our days are shorter, our nights longer and our weather is cooler.

Think of it: the One who holds the earth in its place, who controls its precise tilt toward and away from the sun, determining the seasons, is the One who is your Helper. If He can tilt the earth on its axis, He can certainly direct your footsteps in safety today. If He can determine the length of the day, He can certainly attend to every need that you have within your day.

Be encouraged; the Maker of heaven and earth is on your side!