

Good morning, Church. Daily Reading, Luke 6.

Psalm 124:6-8 "Praise the LORD, who did not let their teeth tear us apart!

We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free!

Our help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (NLT)

Years ago, our youth group went by the name "Exit" using the following as their verse of encouragement. 1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (ESV) A way of escape is an "Exit."

Not only does God help us with the daily temptations we face, but when the roaring lion (the devil) is stalking us like prey (1 Peter 5:8), God puts a hedge of protection around the faithful so we will not be devoured or torn apart by our enemies.

God did not allow Israel's enemies to tear them a part, but He closed the mouths of lions, sent in the hornets before them to chase out the enemy, or caused the sea to close in around them, destroying them in battle.

Dangers come at unexpected times, like with a stalking beast. But danger is also before us in the form of a trap, a net, something that entangles us, possibly stumbling into danger. We use the word of God not only as a lamp, a shield, but as our guide to keep us from the attacks of the enemy.

We need to be on the alert, looking for danger, and not walking into traps set to catch us in sin. "The snare might be false doctrine, pride, lust, or a temptation to indulge our appetites." (Spurgeon)

But whatever devices the enemy uses, the God of the universe is still there to watch over, provide wisdom and guidance, shield us from danger, and break the snare we might find ourselves in. Praise God!