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Because God is loyal and faithful

Ps. 84:11 *For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.*

The Hebrew word for *sun* is **she mesh** which means *daylight or no darkness*. The picture that the Psalmist paints here is that of a Father Who shines His light for us so that we can see. Not only physically, but more importantly, spiritually. God is pictured as the provider of all good things; and He certainly is. Do you realize that everything you have, that is of any good at all, comes from our Father Who loves us so much? He also brings light to us through His word because His word is a lamp to our feet (showing us where to go) and a light to our path (showing us places where we could possibly be tripped up). **Ps. 27:1a** *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

The LORD is also our shield. The Hebrew word for *shield* is **umagen** which means *our covering, scales or buckler*. Again, we see in **Ps. 27:5** *For in the day of trouble He will keep me safe in His dwelling; He will hide me in the shelter of His sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.*

Have you noticed how often in scripture that the LORD is pictured as the One Who will always watch over you; protect you; provide for you; comfort you; sustain you; and even fight for you? Why would the sovereign God of all, do this for you and for me? There is only one answer and that is because He loves those He has made. His nature is to love. He is love.

Dear LORD, Thank You for loving us so very much. Thank You for giving us light upon our paths and protection from the evil one. We need You LORD, every hour of every day, In Jesus Name, Amen