

## Apple of His Eye

### **Psalms 17:8 NKJV**

Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings.

We very often hear this verse, quote it in prayer and give it to others as assurance of God's love for them but do we think of the full implications of it.

The other day I gave this verse as part of a word to someone and afterwards I was relaxing and I started meditating on this verse and a few things came up about it that I would like to share.

Let's take the first part first:

Keep me as the apple of Your eye..

Firstly we all know that this means that God keeps special watch over us, it is a term of endearment, but that's where most people stop, but to me there's a bit more to it.

For instance, if you are the apple of Someone's eye, that means that person see's every move you make and every thing you do, so David is also saying (knowingly or unknowingly) , "Lord You watch my every move, help me to stay pleasing to you."

To me this is coupled to:

### **Psalms 139:23-24 NKJV**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

But then the verse came up in my mind that says:

### **Psalms 32:8 NKJV**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

This is also a Psalm of David, interesting that David says to God, "keep me in the centre of Your eye" and only 15 chapters later God says to David "I will guide you with My eye" .. is there a correlation ?

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For me there is, God is saying, "You asked Me to stay in My sight the whole time, so now I will guide you with My eye, look at Me, focus on Me, see that you are always in My sights (El Roi – the God who see's me) and then you will by focusing on Me realize I am guiding you with My eyes because you are in the centre of My focus."

Okay, where am I going with this... Look at the second part of the verse:

**Hide me under the shadow of Your wings..**

Now we know this is him asking God to protect him, but is there more to this part as well ? Yes again..

What does a little bird do under the shadow of its Parents wing.. It is not only protected, it is also cut of from outside influence, all it see's is the wing of its Parent, so if you are under the wing of God you are actually focused on Him only, not seeing anything outside (looking in the spirit only not the flesh).

But also being under a wing restricts your movement, you cannot move unless He moves His wing, so as long as you are under His wing you cannot move outside His will..

And if you are under a Parents wing, the little bird starts "smelling" like the Parent, the scent being rubbed al over you, so if you stay under His wing you will become more and more like Him..

Under a Parents wing you are protected from outside winds and rain and predators, God protects you there.

Okay so let's do a recap finish on this all, for me this verse in totality actually says:

Lord as I stay in the centre of Your sight, Your beloved, guided by You I know I am under Your wing, under Your guidance, my eyes are on You only, You alone know where to guide me, as Your wing moves so I will move, as Your eyes move so I will move for in myself I know no direction, I have no protection and I have no strength and in the process of moving with You I become more and more like You every day.

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Ps: The Lord has worked in my heart for quite some time to share the word the same way He did on earth, straight forward, using examples and uncomplicated, you wont find me trying to impress you with my word knowledge, but you will find me writing from my heart and writing in such a way that anyone can understand and appreciate it. God Bless