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## Beyond the Numbing Drone

News Bulletin: An election is upon us!

Unless you're name is Rip Van Winkle, that little revelation is anything but news. Even the most detached or disinterested person around could not have avoided the drone of political pitches for the last several months. Admittedly, there are some who seem capable of bypassing the political parade and have little or no interest at all in anything that distracts them from their pursuits of pleasure. We have all been dismayed at the talk show street interviews with the "beautiful people" who can't look at photos of our current vice president or even our first president and identify either.

I suspect we are either anticipating or dreading the outcome of this national election. To be frank, there are those (and I suspect many) in both major political parties and a whole lot of independents who are dismayed with the prospects of the future under either major candidate.

But out beyond the confines of political posturing and the numbing drone of campaigns, there is the genuine hope waiting to be recognized, not just a glimmer but a beacon that can bathe us with the glow of promise and assurance. Such hope does not come from the arm of Caesar nor the strength of any who wield the scepter. Neither does it issue from the power of the majority. Our hope is not to be found in the consensus of those who possess some sort of righteous fervor or even the moral majority.

Hope, real hope, can only come from One who is eternal, One who "changes times and seasons..., gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning..., reveals deep and hidden things..., knows what lies in the darkness [because] light dwells in him" (Daniel 2:21-22).

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber;  
indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD watches over you—the LORD is your shade at your right hand;  
the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life;  
the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

(Psalm 121)

## Taking Our Next Step Together

Let us embrace Him fully. May we daily affirm that He is Lord and His grace, our only source of hope.

*Father, you and you alone are Lord. You are the Rock on which my life rests. All else – including the wrappings of men's plans, their boasts, their displays of grandeur or the hollow assurances of peace and security – is but shifting sand.*