



The words of the Lord in Psalm 17:8 have become one of my favorites. I remember the phrase so many have spoken over their children when they were young. “You know, dear, you’re just the apple of my eye.” My favorite. My utter delight. I used to think that phrase originated in the heart of some parent who just adored one or more of their children. In reality it did.

It actually originated with Someone who owns a lot of property and was especially fond of his orchards which were replete with beautiful apple trees. Folks often say of this person “He’s got the whole world in His hands!” He once stated that he was so rich that he owned all of the cattle on a thousand hills. Wow! Who in the world is this blessed individual? It’s your Father and mine, it is Father God. I’ve been imagining what He might say were He to help us understand what He meant by this comforting Scripture. It might sound something like this:

You are the apple of My eye. My love for you has caused Me to write this little prayer to Me, because I so desire to hold you close to Me and to cherish you. So here, child, I’ll write it in My love letter to you (the Word of the Lord), and in the fullness of time I’ll cause you to come

across it. You'll read it – more than once. Then the day will come when you will understand that this is the deepest desire of My heart toward you. You'll understand that I want you to sing this song to Me just like I have sung my love song over you. And when you sing it to Me, I will do it.

I'll keep you as the apple of My eye.
and I'll hide you in the shadow of My wings.

I'll keep you. You upon whom I have set My affections. Yes, I'll buy you. I'll rescue you from where I found you, ragged, tattered, bruised and battered. I'll buy you, then I will clean up your wounds. I'll remove your filthy rags and give you beautiful new clothes to wear. I'll work with you and shine you up until you are as beautiful as I have always knew you were. Oh yes, I'll keep you as the apple of My eye.

And I'll hide you. I'll protect you. I'll take you in when no one else will. I am the most faithful friend you could ever have. Oh yes, I'll hide you. I'll protect you like a momma hen does her chicks when danger approaches. I'll snuggle you up underneath the shadow, underneath the shelter of My wings.

My beloved, would you let Me sing My song to you? You see, what is written in My book is the second verse. Let me sing for You the first verse.

“I'll keep you as the apple of My eye!
and I'll hide you in the shadow of My wings!

You will see Me in all my beauty!
You will see Me as I am!
You will see Me in My beauty
and you, you will be satisfied!

I'll keep you as the apple of My eye!
and I'll hide you in the shadow of My wings!

Only come to Me. Only abide in Me. Only trust Me. Come. Come to Me.