

GOD— OUR GREATEST PROTECTION



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We all need protection at times—protection from the environment, from disease, and even from people. Good planning and preparation can help us to be safe in challenging situations, but ultimately it is God Who is our greatest protection. He works in us to keep us safe from any danger, and He causes us to prosper in this world. True safety is of the Lord.

Proverbs 21:31:

The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the Lord.

Preparation and watchfulness are important, but we should keep security in its proper perspective. Psalms 127:1 says, “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” It is God Who guards and protects His people. The watchman’s own ability is limited, but with God the watchman can always be confident of accomplishing the task.

Proverbs 29:25:

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

God protects and delivers us when we put our trust in Him. The Bible is full of records of God protecting His people when they put their confidence in Him: Noah, Abraham, Joshua, Gideon, Hezekiah, Esther, Daniel, Nehemiah, Jesus Christ, Peter, Paul, and others. As Moses and the children of Israel believed God’s Word, He protected them from the diseases of those around them (Exodus 15:26). David believed “in the name of the Lord of hosts” to defeat Goliath and bring deliverance to Israel.

Psalm 33:16-20:

There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear [respect] him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth for the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 46:1:

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Natural strength and ability are always limited. But God's strength and ability are unlimited. As born-again believers, we don't have to rely on our own strength, because our heavenly Father is our refuge and strength.

There are some things that we can do to see God's protection.

- Faithfully put God's Word in our heart and remind ourselves of God's promises. God gives us the wisdom we need to make right decisions so that we can overcome and prosper in any situation.

Joshua 1:8,9:

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

God told Joshua that if he lived according to the law of the Lord, then Joshua would be prosperous and have good success. When we do the will of God, we too can prosper and succeed.

- Pray and cast our cares upon God (I Peter 5:7). We can go to bed each night knowing that our heavenly Father will protect us and care for us.

Psalms 4:8:

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.

- Plan and prepare with wise counsel. We get help from those who have God's wisdom and who believe His Word.

Proverbs 11:14:

...in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

- Boldly speak God's Word.

Acts 4:29:

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word.

We overcome threatenings and fears with God's powerful Word. We shine as lights to dispel the darkness of this world.

God is our greatest protection. We put our confidence in His ability and power and not in ourselves. As we believe His Word, our heavenly Father gives us the freedom to move safely in our communities and prosper, knowing that true safety is of the Lord!

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