

Protecting Our Homes

A group bought a church's building from a church that was going to close. As the new church was remodeling and preparing to move in, the pastor noticed that there was a lot of arguing among the people working. There were demonic forces causing strife in the new church. They at once cast out all the demons and proceeded to work strife-free. The pastor later discovered that the other church could not fulfill their mission because of strife among the people.

We went to a customer of mines beach condo. As we walked in both my wife and I could feel a death presence. We saw there were dead animals and fish displayed all over the walls.

There can be demonic forces in any building or house. I never really thought about casting demons out of a house before moving into it. Any Christian can cast out any demons from a home or building. But the real battle comes as we do spiritual warfare keeping them out. Praying in tongues is the best and easiest way to do this. We also must not let things into our homes that have demons attached to them, like Halloween costumes, music, books, TV, etc. Also we must not get into strife with each other. When we let strife in we can cast it out like any other demon. It is never too late to take care of ridding our homes or buildings of demons and getting angels to watch over our homes.

I have put together a few verses on the subject of protection. This is what God has to say and what He has promised. They are in no special order to these.

Psalm 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Matthew 21:16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

No translation I looked at uses the word "praise" instead of strength. The word can mean shout or praise, so both are correct. The point I want to make is demons are stopped by praise and this can come from the mouth of a child. Teaching our children praise songs can help protect our house. Demons do not like to be around praise.

Matthew 8:5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

The centurion had more faith than anyone Jesus knew. The centurion knew that God works through authority. The husband, or whoever is head of the house, is responsible for protecting their home. If you look at Proverbs 12:1 in my book on Proverbs (free at hgspublishing.com) you can read more about authority.

Psalm 91 was the most help for me.

Psalm 91

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

We have to be where God wants us to be. God will not surprise us and will move divine protection only after He has made it clear that we are to be somewhere else

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

We must say that God is protecting us. This is how the Psalm works.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He will save us from getting trapped and protect us from disease.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Knowing truth and being under God's protection will protect us. A lady whose purse was snatched could not remember the exact words and yelled "feathers". The thief dropped the purse and ran.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

I can walk completely without fear.

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

I have been looking up these words and the translation is good. We have no fear day or night.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Here is protection in battle. Don't spiritualize this; this is real warfare. Psalm 18 is also covers this.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

The bad guys are going to get theirs.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

This is speaking and being where God wants us to be.

10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

No evil or plague will come to our home.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

Angels work for us. I have an angel sitting outside my front door and one that stays with my car when I am out. If anyone tries to come against me they see the angel and don't bother anything of mine. You may ask, "Have you seen any angels?" My answer is I don't have to; I know they are there. My faith is developed to the point that I say, "**He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.**"

John 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

This is what Satan quoted to Jesus.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

No animal or demon can hurt us.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Jesus will deliver us and set us in a lofty position.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

God will answer us when we pray; he will deliver us and honor us.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Isaiah 58:8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

Isaiah 58 has to do with giving to the poor. The word “rereward” has to do with following behind. It also has other meanings. We can build our faith in the great things that happen to us when we give to the poor. One of the promises is that the glory of God has your back. Having the glory of God following us around is a good thing. We can also remember in Psalm 23 that goodness and mercy follow us when God is our shepherd.

Malachi 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3 deals with the Israelites not giving the 10% that belongs to God. In this, God promises to protect tithers from anything that tries to destroy their stuff.

Shalom defined The King James Version of the Bible translates “shalom” using: peace, well, peaceably, welfare, salute(with another word), prosperity, **safe**, health, peaceable, and 15 other ways. Strong’s Concordance uses these words: completeness, soundness, welfare, peace, **safety**, prosperity, health, quiet, tranquility, contentment, and friendship.

In the New Testament the word that is used is *eirēnē* and it has about the same meaning as *shalom*. Safety is one of the promises of the *eirēnē* that Jesus gives.

Jesus gave us one law and that was to love. Protection comes with obeying the law of love. Anytime I am tempted not to walk in love Deuteronomy 28:1-14 comes to mind. There are a lot of other good promises for obeying the law of love; Jesus took the curses for disobedience to the cross with him.

Deuteronomy 28:7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

These promises, like all of God’s promises, must be received by faith. We read and meditate on God’s promises until they come alive on the inside of us.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba (daddy), Father.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

I did a quick word search and “fear not” is said 71 times in the King James Bible. (Other versions have different amounts.) I tried to think of some way to reorganize these verses to talk about how bad fear is but the verses are very simple.

One of the saddest things that I have observed is people who walk in fear. Old people are especially subjected to fear because they lose control of their body, get weak and slow and have no natural ability to defend themselves.

One day a lady yelled at me saying that I had forgotten to lock my car. I had left the window down. I told her I had an angel protecting my car. I’m in Texas and leaving the windows closed gets the car real hot. (One day my sister even cooked a brisket on her car dash board.) Another time everyone had gone to bed except me. I was getting up out of my chair when the thought struck me, “Had I locked the garage door.” All kinds of fearful thoughts hit my mind at once; you know the ones, someone is going to break in and kill us all etc. I took one step toward the door then stopped; Satan had overplayed his hand. Demons were trying to get me to respond to fear. I turned and went to bed; I will not respond to fear. (My wife likes the doors locked at night and love always trumps theology)

It is not a sin to lock a door or your car. I lock my car if there is something of value visible. I do not want someone to steal something and come under God’s wrath before I find out about it and forgive the thief. I will give stuff away faster than anyone can steal it. Love for the thief is the reason to lock my car, not fear.

Do not leave your doors unlocked because I say so. We need to build our faith up so we are responding in love not fear. Really, we can do very little to protect ourselves or our families so it makes more sense to let God and our angels take care of it.

Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Our battle is not with people but with the demons driving those people. When it comes to fighting demons, angels are our best weapon. Besides angels, we can use the name of Jesus and also quote scripture. We have authority to command demons.

Hebrews 1:14 Are they (angels) not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

A newspaper cartoon called *Rose is Rose* shows an angel protecting the little boy. When the child is at play the angel is a cute little angel with small wings. In one cartoon the child gets a splinter and the angel grows to about 10 feet tall with armor and sword protecting the child against any threat. That is maybe the best representation of angels I have seen. The word angel means messenger. God has given them to us to protect us and for communication.

Leviticus 26:8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Deuteronomy 32:30 How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up?

Unity in the home will work to protect us. This can apply to churches, businesses, and governments. Strife gives demons access to our homes.

2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

God has a love and authority structure set up in our homes, churches, businesses and governments. The centurion in Matthew 8 understood this and Jesus said that he had more faith than anyone he knew. Having faith in God's structure will help us stay out of strife. We do not want demons taking us captive.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Isaiah 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Satan is a defeated foe so we have no need to fear him.

Proverbs 16:18 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

These almost seem in conflict but our sin is not Satan's business. So when pride raises its ugly head we can ask forgiveness and move on.

Love and forgiveness must be how we treat people who try to steal from us or try to harm us in any way.

If we are not walking in this divine protection we can ask God to show us the problem.

If God's promises are somehow not working in our lives the problem lays with us, not God or His Word.

James 1

5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.