

Conditions for Keeping God's Protection (Many-Times Promised For Us)

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How to meet the conditions for protection from oppression and attacks of the devil is given in God's Word for all people, and it is all meant to be within His will for each one of us (and we know that God wants us to be victorious over Satan's power). As we learn through trial and God's personal teaching, how to live out that plan for deliverance and protection that God has written in Scripture for us, then, under that teaching of the Holy Spirit we will enjoy protection, peace, provisions, and many other gifts Promised from above.

Examples given us in the Bible clearly reveal that when people simply believed God's Word and obeyed Him by faith, then they received and enjoyed His promised protection. When Abram put God first in his life and believed His Word and obeyed it, God told him (Genesis 15:1) "Do not be afraid, I am your shield; your very great reward." (vs.6 says), that "Abram believed the Lord, and He (God) credited to him as righteousness." [Abram was not asked by God to do anything else in his own strength to please God, but simply to believe and obey God's Word, and He would be Abram's shield of protection. If we will believe the Lord's Word as He had written for us to obey and follow, we will also enjoy His promised protective shield over us (and family).]

Then we also have the examples of how God fully protected the Israelites when they also would believe and obey His Word. (Exod.13:21) "the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way." (vs.22) "neither the 'pillar of cloud' by day, nor the 'pillar of fire' by night left its place in front of the people."

Bible examples explain the conditions as well as the merit for receiving divine protection. God required just the blood of a slain lamb over the Israelite's doors in Egypt, which was only a symbol of the Blood of the true Lamb of God. (Exod.12:13) "When I see the blood, I will pass over you. And no destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt." (We all need to realize that all the merit was in the blood of that lamb, and it is the same for us today when we place ourselves and family under Jesus' shed Blood.) We don't need merit nor worthiness of ours to receive God's Promised blessing of protection, as it is received through believing and obeying by faith. (Psalm 34:15 assures those made righteous through Christ Jesus, that "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry."

Thus, the writer was inspired by God's Spirit to inform every living soul, (Psalm 91:9-11) "Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways."

God's Word tells us in those verses that it is our responsibility to make our free-will choice to take shelter under His mighty wings, and then He will be our Shield of Protection, for He promised (vs.4) that "He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler."

God's 'conditions' to be met have no merit, and they do not cause God to do something. Meeting the conditions just means to take a humble attitude that enables God's love, mercy, and power to do things that He wants to do and is withing to do for us. Everyone has an opportunity to choose to take an attitude that would enable God's power to work; (and everyone could also choose an attitude of 'self' that hinders God's power from working for us).

No ability on our part is needed, as it is the Spirit of God Who gives all the light, strength, and ability we need, along with the spiritual grace' that we need to make our claim in the Name of Jesus Christ, for God's shield of Protection and everything that we need. That divine power is not enabled, however, until we make a final decision to follow God's plan (or His conditions), for His power to work for us, which would be our decision to trust Him only (as did the three Hebrews), (Daniel 3:17) "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king."

Those three Hebrews would not disobey God's Word to save their lives, because God does not allow us to worship anything, or anyone, but Him. (Exod.20:3) "You shall have no other gods before Me." So, it was a final decision on their part, "...But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." (To do so they would have been allowing an idol to come between themselves and God (a direct disobedience of His Word and Command as taught in the next two verses (Exod.20:4-5). (They also proved the significance and excellency of the words of Psalm 46: (many years before it was written for our encouragement.) (vs.1-2) "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.² Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea."

Those three Hebrews had truly consecrated their life to do and to be obedient to God's Word, so they did indeed "put on the complete armor of God, so that you may be able to stand your ground on the day of battle, and, having fought to the end, to remain victors on the field." (As Ephes.6:13 instructs) all 'believers in Christ' and 'God's Word'. They had also followed (vs.16-17) "And besides all these take the great shield of faith, on which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the Wicked one; and take the helmet of salvation, and

the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God." [And God surely did bear faithful witness to His Promise of Protection, which also glorified Him in the eyes of those heathen people who had bowed down to the king's idol and image for God-forbidden worship.

For our part to meet God's conditions in this day for us to also receive God's divine deliverance, we just need to understand and realize that the merit price for us has already been paid, which is the broken body and shed *Blood* of the Lord Jesus, and that, that Blood is all the merit required by God. The condition we meet, is our final decision to do what God's Word tells us to do, which is to trust Him alone in faith, and not to trust in any plan or policy designed by the world. These truths given us in Scripture clearly show us how to have a full manifestation of *God's* power displayed on our behalf in protecting and delivering us from Satan's power.

As we continue to meet God's conditions, and to trust only on the merit of the Blood, we will enjoy peace within ourselves, our home and family, and enjoy our Blood-purchased freedom from oppression in our body (and have His protection and peace in our home), also God's guidance and blessing in financial matters, in the workplace, or anywhere else. It is not God's will that the devil should bother us in the least way, but Satan takes advantage of our lack of knowledge, and of our unbelief when we first begin to learn to trust God. If we did not know, then we could not claim what God has promised (all through Christ's Atonement sacrifice.)

As we keep trusting God and continue to hold to our faith, more advanced lessons from God will be given for us to learn from. God is a master Teacher, so if anyone is willing to repent and to surrender their life to Him without compromise, God will do a perfect work in giving us a thorough knowledge of His Truth. (Phil.1:6) "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you, will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

When the blood of a slain animal was over their doors in Egypt, even a dog was not allowed to bark to disturb them. That perfect protection was not just a one-time event, nor just recorded for history, but it is a revelation of God's present plan and His everlasting will. It is as true today as the day it happened, and we have an even greater claim, because we have a much greater provision, 'the Blood of the true Passover Lamb', the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Israel was not only protected from the least noise and a deadly plague, but they were also delivered from oppressive 'work conditions', and from anything else the devil or his agents could do. If the blood of an animal offered that much protection for Israel, then, it stands to reason that the Blood of Jesus would do far more for us today. (Psalm 105:37) God "brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."

No pen of man could describe, nor tongue could express how much greater Jesus Christ is than a slain lamb; and how much more His shed Blood should mean to us today, than what an animal's blood meant to

Israel then. The Blood of Jesus has really placed God with us for the same purpose as He was with them. God wants to do things for us to make us happy and contented, and His perfect love toward us is why.

The divine conditions for victory cannot be changed by God nor man and are the same as human conditions met every day. It is a free-will individual receiving help from another free-will individual. Since we have a free-will, we are arbiters or negotiators of our own destiny (our present and eternal welfare is in our own hands.) That power to choose belongs to us. We are responsible for how it is used.

God's power cannot work for us until we make a final choice to trust Him in faith; and the devil cannot harm us until we make the choice to believe him. Jesus died for the entire world, and His Blood could be over the door of every home, but only a very small number of homes on the entire earth receive any benefit from it. Jesus need not have died as far as most people in the world are concerned, because they receive no more benefit than if He never died and rose to life.

This is because they choose to listen to Satan instead of listening to God and following His Word. They never made a final choice nor decision to accept God's Word, and instead, they listen to and believe Satan's lies. God cannot reveal what the Blood covering of Christ should mean to the average church member, because their minister is between them and God (the late Pastor said). (2 Cor.3:15) "To this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts."

Most Christian churches today have an appearance of 'outward religion', but that does not save anyone from the flames of the 'Lake of Fire'. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal to people, that what God did for His people then, He would do for anyone today, because God cannot change (Malachi 3:7). It just takes a 'right choice' on our part (2 Cor.3:14-15) "This veil can be removed only by believing in Christ. To this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts." However (vs.16 says), "When one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away."

Regardless of the risk or the danger, or regardless what men or demons may say or do, we all must decide to trust only on the power of God and the Blood of Christ. We need to and must decide to meet every battle and circumstance of life as God's Word instructs. It is the only way for things to work together for our spiritual good (Rom.8:28).

As we hold steadfast to that position of trust, spiritual growth will be seen. The three Hebrews could have saved their lives by a very small effort, just bend their back; but doing that meant worshipping an image (something that God does not permit). Their decision to trust the living God enabled Him to quench the violence of fire. That no-compromise decision is the vital principle in all trust on God.

The Holy Scriptures promise victory and protection from Satan. (1 Corinthians 11:31) "If we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged," but when we will not judge our actions, our attitudes, or our decisions, then God has to do it, and He corrects us so that we can escape the flames. (vs.32) "When we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world."

The moment we discover anything unscriptural in our life; (something outside of the 'will of God';) or an attitude toward someone that is not right; if we will admit it; confess it; and forsake that wrong way, the situation is remedied in God's sight, and we will be victorious over the attacks of the devil.

Jesus told us to "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation;" (Matt.26:41), and, to also pray for protection and the needs of each day (rather than waiting until after we are short of something or attacked by the devil.) Our prayer should be "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (Matt.6:12) which means, keep pure in heart and be filled with His Spirit so He can help us to 'forgive'.

(vs.13) "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," that means protection from things designed and sent by Satan to disturb our peace, at home, at work, with our finances, or anything else. (Jesus' model prayer then concludes, "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen;" Those Words of Scripture take us back to (Daniel 3:27) when the people saw that "the fire had no power" over the believing Hebrews. It was a fulfillment of (John 16:23) "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

It is our responsibility to resist the devil as soon as he appears to tempt us to believe his lies; and the Holy Spirit is always present to reveal the devil for us, if we are willing to follow God's plan as He gave us in His Word (and God already knows what is in our heart). His Word tells us (James 4:7) "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (When we resist in the 'Name of Jesus', God forces the devil to flee from us, because that is what His Word promises for us). It is in our own hands, and is our own power of choice, to take an attitude that will deliver and protect us from Satan's attacks, or not. Resist means refuse to accept what the devil tries to give us.

We all have a Blood-purchased right to be protected from Satan, and by our rejecting any suggestions the devil places in our mind and refusing to have the oppressions he wants to put upon us, the devil must flee, and we will be protected as God has promises to do.

It is the same in everyday-life situations, where governments are supposed to protect the lives and property of its citizens, so that nothing can be taken from them without them giving their consent. By consenting to give something to another, the government is not able to help us. When we do not consent and something is taken from us by force, the power of the government is supposed to be at our service to restore what was taken away from us.

The Blood of Christ gives us an Atonement privilege and a right to have perfect peace, health, healing, every need provided, and perfect protection from anything that could disturb our peace. The devil is constantly trying to get our consent either consciously or unconsciously. He wants us to accept his attacks or his oppressions.

MAIN POINT: ... If we consent we give up our Blood-purchased rights, and Satan is able to attack, oppress, and disturb our peace. M.P.

When we refuse to accept what the devil wants us to accept, our awesome God of Heaven; the Supreme Justice of the Universe, is able to deliver, protect, and grant the victory, even if He had to send a legion of angels to do it. (Psalm 103:6) "The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed."

When conditions are met, God's promised provisions and His protection is ours, and He told us (Hebr.13:5-6) "Be content with what you have; for God Himself has said, **"I WILL NEVER, NEVER LET GO YOUR HAND: I WILL NEVER NEVER FORSAKE YOU."** ⁶So that we fearlessly say, **"THE LORD IS MY HELPER; I WILL NOT BE AFRAID: WHAT CAN MAN DO TO ME?"**

So, we only need to follow the advice and promise given for us (1 Pet.3:10-12) "For **"HE WHO WISHES TO BE WELL-SATISFIED WITH LIFE AND SEE HAPPY DAYS— LET HIM RESTRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL, AND HIS LIPS FROM DECEITFUL WORDS; LET HIM TURN FROM EVIL, AND DO GOOD; LET HIM INQUIRE FOR PEACE AND GO IN PURSUIT OF IT. FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE UPON THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ARE OPEN TO THEIR SUPPLICATION; BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS SET AGAINST EVIL-DOERS."**

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SOME MAIN POINTS:

- 1—Bible examples reveal that people received God's promised Protection when they just believed His Word (no other condition), and they were then inspired to follow it and obey by faith, (before they could see any sign of God's deliverance and protection.)
- 2— The example of Abraham's willingness to listen and obey God's command even against human hope, enabled him to enjoy God's full protection, (also for him to be declared righteous by God.)
- 3—Also the example of three Hebrew children of God who would not disobey God even if it would save their life. They met God's condition to receive His protection, simply by believing that He was faithful, and that He would protect them.
- 4— God's conditions did not require any merit on the part of the Israelites on the Passover night in Egypt, nor for any other successful Bible Christians to provide any merit on their part, but for them to simply believe on the power of a 'blood sacrifice'. So, we can all have the same results and God's promised Protection in our life through believing on the power of Jesus' Blood shed for us.

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