

GOD'S CONDITIONS FOR PROTECTION AND VICTORY

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Believing on God's Promises to protect us, and trusting on those Promises, is to be 'in His Will, and it is meeting His conditions for our protection from attacks and oppressions of the devil, because God wants to be victorious over Satan's power. As we learn how to live out God's plan of trust for our deliverance and protection (as written in Scripture), then under teaching and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will enjoy His protection, peace, and other 'gifts from above'.

Bible examples reveal and explain the conditions and the merit for receiving that divine protection provided by God. The blood of a slain lamb over the doors of the Israelites dwellings in Egypt, was all that God required of them for protection from the plague which destroyed Egyptian families, (and that blood was a symbol of the Blood of the true 'Lamb of God', Jesus Christ). (Exodus 12:13) "*When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*" That reveals to us, that all the merit was in that blood of the lamb, so as we place ourselves and families under the Lamb of God, Jesus' Blood, then we do not need worthiness of any merit on our part to receive God's blessings.

Conditions of self that we might place and try to depend on, have no merit in them, and they do not *cause* God to do something for us. Meeting conditions means to take an *attitude* that enables God's love, mercy, and power to do things for us. Everyone was given (and has) the opportunity to choose an attitude of trust in their mind and heart (which would enable God's power to work for us); and everyone can also choose an attitude that would hinder God's power from working for us.

Some ability on our part is not needed, as the Spirit of God gives all the light, strength, and ability that we need. That divine power is not enabled, however, until we make a final decision to obey and follow God's plan for His conditions to be met (which would be our decision to trust Him only), then His power will go to work for us. (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. It was a final decision on their part (18), "*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.*"

The broken body and shed Blood of the Lord Jesus is the merit, and that Blood is all the merit required by God. The condition that we are to meet, is to make a final decision to do what God's Word tells us, which is to trust on Him alone in faith for protection and victory, and not to trust on things designed by the world to bring our deliverance. These 'principals of truth when clearly revealed through our decision to place our faith on God alone, do show us how to

receive and have a full manifestation of *God's power* in protecting and delivering us from Satan's power.

If we will continue to meet God's conditions, and to trust only on the merit of the Blood, we will enjoy peace within and freedom from oppression, victory in our body, protection, and victory at home, also in financial matters, at the workplace, or anywhere else. It is not God's will for the devil to bother us in the least way, but Satan will take advantage of our lack of knowledge of God's plan, and unbelief on our part, .. especially so, when we first begin to trust God. If we did not *know*, then we could not claim what God has promised and provided, through the merit of that Atonement sacrifice of His Son.

As we keep trusting God and holding to our faith, we will become more advanced in our life of faith (through the lessons that will be given us by God). God is a master Teacher, so if anyone is willing to repent and to surrender their life to Him without compromise, He will do a perfect work in giving them complete 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 lamb was over the doors of the Israelites dwellings in Egypt, a dog was not allowed to bark to disturb their peace. That perfect peace and protection was not just a one-time event, nor just recorded for the sake of history, instead, it is a revelation of God's prepared plan for us in the present time, and His everlasting-will for everyone who will trust on Him in obedient faith. That peace and protection is as true today as it was in the day that it happened for Israel in Egypt, and we now have an ever-greater claim to receive and enjoy it, because we have a much greater provision, which is the Blood of the true Passover Lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Israel was not only protected from the least disturbing noise as well as a deadly plague, but they were also delivered from oppressive 'working conditions' (and from anything else the devil or his agents could try to do against them. If the blood of an animal offered that much protection for Israel, then, it should stand to reason that the shed 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."

Words penned in writing could not describe, nor could tongue ever truly express how much greater Jesus Christ is, than a slain lamb animal; and how much more Jesus' shed Blood should mean to everybody, today (than what that animal's blood meant to Israel in that day). The Word of God tells us that the Blood of Jesus has been placed by God *with us* and over our home and family (and other), and it is for the same purpose of our peace and protection, as He was with them through the blood of an animal. God wants to do things for us that would make us happy and contented, and His perfect love toward us is the reason why that is so, .. and again, the Blood of Christ is all the merit required by God. The condition that we are to meet, is that final decision on our part (to do what God's Word says), which is to trust Him alone in faith, and not on any thing or plan designed by Satan-inspired people of the world (who do not have guidance of the Holy Spirit, (Who is available for 'believers in God and Jesus Christ His

Son). These Truths clearly show us how we can have full manifestation of God's power, in protecting and delivering us from Satan's power.

As we continue to meet conditions, and to trust only on the merit of the Blood, we will enjoy peace within, and freedom from oppression—in our body, at home, financial matters, the workplace, or anywhere else. It is not God's will that the devil bother us in the least way, but Satan takes advantage of our lack of knowledge and our unbelief, when we first begin to trust God. If we did not know, then we could not claim what God has promised through an Atonement sacrifice.

As we keep trusting God and holding to our faith, more advanced lessons will be given. God is a master Teacher, so if anyone is willing to repent and to surrender their life to Him without compromising His Word and Plan, He will do a perfect work in giving a complete 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.*"

The divine conditions for victory cannot be changed by God nor man, and they are the same as the human conditions met every day, which is a free-will individual receiving help from another free-will individual. Since we have free-will, in reality, 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, and so, gives us a responsibility for how it is used.

Until we make a final choice to trust Him in faith, God's power cannot work for us: also, the devil is not permitted to harm us until we make the choice to believe him and his lies. Jesus died for the entire world, and His Blood could be on the door of every home, however, only a very small number of people in the entire world receive any benefit from the power of His shed Blood. Jesus need not have died (as far as most 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's lies instead of listening to 'God's Truth'. They never made a final decision to accept God's Word, but instead they listen to Satan's lies. God cannot reveal what the protective Blood-covering should mean to the average church member, because their minister and false doctrine is between them and God. (2 Cor.3:15) "*To this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.*"

Most Christian churches today have some appearance of 'outward religion', but that does not save any person from the flames of the Lake of Fire. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal to people today, what God did for His people then, also that God would do the same for anyone today, because He cannot change (Malachi 3:7). It just takes a right choice (2 Cor.3:14) "*This veil can be removed only by believing in Christ.*"(3:16) "*When one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*"

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

As we hold to that position of trust, spiritual growth will be seen. Three Hebrews could have saved their lives by a very small effort, just compromise God's Word, and bend their back to worship an image (a 'false place of trust' made by man); but doing that would mean to worship an image (which is something that God's Word and His Salvation Plan does not permit us to do. Their decision to trust the 'living God' opened the way for Him work for them, to quench the violence of fire (which would have taken their lives). That 'no-compromise decision' of theirs, is still the vital principle involved in all of a person's trust on God in this day and time.

Scripture promises victory for believers, and protection from Satan's deceitful snares and temptations, if we will judge right from wrong and make good decisions. (1 Cor 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 that to save us from the consequences of our sins of wrong decisions followed by wrong actions. Scripture promises that God will chasten and correct us so that we can escape the flames. (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 un-Scriptural in our life; something that is outside the will of God; or, a wrong attitude toward someone that is not right nor justified, if we would admit it; confess it to God (and man if we had offended them), and then forsake that wrong action or way, the situation will be remedied, and we will become victorious over the attacks and temptations of the devil.

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

(13) "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" means protection from things designed by Satan to disturb our peace at home, at workplaces, with finances, or anything else. (The prayer concludes) "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen:" That takes us back to (Daniel 3:27) when they saw that, "the fire had no power" against those Hebrews. It was fulfillment of (John 16:23) "Whatever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."

We are to resist the devil as soon as he appears; and the Holy Spirit is promised to always be present to reveal the devil, if we are willing to follow God's plan as stated and written in His Word. (James 4:7) "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." It is in our own hands, and it is our own 'power of choice', for us to take an attitude that will deliver and protect us from Satan's attacks, or not deliver us. Resist means refuse to accept what the devil tries to put on us.

We all have a Blood-purchased right to be protected from Satan. By rejecting any suggestion, the devil tries to place in our mind, and refusing to have the oppressions that he wants to put on us, he must flee from us (since God's Word tell us that) and we will be protected.

It is the same in human situations, as governments are supposed to protect the lives and property of its citizens, so that nothing can

be taken from them without their consent. By our 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 should be at our service to restore what was taken.

We need to realize and understand that the 'Blood of Christ' gives us a Scriptural right to have perfect peace, good health, healing, have every need provided, and full protection from anything that could disturb our peace (just like the Israelites peace could not be disturbed when under the blood of a slain lamb). The devil is constantly trying to get our consent (consciously or unconsciously). The devil wants us to accept his attacks and his oppressions. If we consent, we have given up our Blood-purchased rights, and Satan is then able to attack, oppress, and disturb our peace.

When we (in Jesus' Name) refuse to accept what the devil *wants us to accept*, the awesome power of God of Heaven; the Supreme Justice of the Universe, is able to deliver, protect, and grant us the victory, even if He had to send a legion of angels to do that. (Psalm 103:6 promises) "*The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.*" When we believe those inspired Words of God, and we meet His conditions of believing and trusting on Him and the power of Jesus' atoning Blood Sacrifice, then His promised protection is ours.

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God's Word reveals for us, that all the merit is in the Blood shed for us by the real and true Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, so as we place ourselves and families under the Blood of that Lamb of God, then we do not need any other form of worthiness or any self-merit on our part to receive God's blessings.

God's condition for us to meet, is to always 'resist Satan steadfast in faith on the power of Jesus' Blood and His resurrection to Life, and to place ourselves and family and home (and all other things) under that precious Blood, and as God told the Israelites (Exodus 12:13) "*When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*" Which means that we can have the same perfect and full deliverance that the Israelites enjoyed on the 'Passover night in Egypt, since God's Word and the Blood of Christ never loses its power!

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