

Godly protection Pt. 1

In this day and age we see that society has gone off the deep end. Moral decay has permeated our society. A lot of the younger generation shows no respect for anyone or anything. They have been dulled by what we allow on TV, the movies and video games. Target has just recently begun to allow restrooms to be used by either gender. There are only two, male and female. There have been at least three instances within the last week where a pervert has gone into the women's restroom and videotaped little girls going to the bathroom. I have to say that the biggest reason for this is the failure of the church to demand our nation uphold the godly values that we were founded upon.

My generation, the baby boomers, has allowed so much to go unchecked that we now have soft porn on TV during prime time, murder and violence has become so common place it is no longer shocking. What is the message we are sending to our kids? Anything goes! Even when it comes to human life some churches actually celebrate abortion. The Democrat party demands abortion for any reason at any time with no value given the unborn child. In Colorado this year a seven month pregnant woman was attacked and her baby cut out of her. She survived but the baby didn't. The woman that did this horrible act was charged with attempted murder of the mother but no charge for killing the baby! This happened because the Democrats in our State legislature killed a bill that would have made killing a child in this manner a crime.

Our failure as a church body to keep a moral society is resulting in a society where we are seeing the decay of a once great nation. But I have to say that not all of the church has shown a blind eye to what society has allowed. There is a part of the church that has not forgotten God's demands for how we are to live and as a result they enjoy a prosperity and level of protection that most people don't. We, as Christians, have

the right to call upon God when we are in dangerous situations. 911 took the lives of a lot of people but among those that would normally have been in the towers that day were delayed from being there. Some felt that they should not go in that day, some stopped for coffee or for some other reason and were spared on that tragic day.

When we are living for God and doing our best to follow Him He will keep His promise to protect us. One of the most common verses that tells us this is Psalms 91: 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 91:2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 91:3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

91:5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 91:6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

91:7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

91:8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

This is form of protection that sometimes is hard to understand but it is still something that the believer is

entitled to. Some in the body of Christ can't accept this. They think it is a sign of a cult but God has told us to remind Him of His Word: Isaiah 43:26 Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified. He doesn't want us to remind Him because He forgot but because we have to declare with our mouth what we want Him to do for us. Some call that blab it and grab it but it is actually doing what God has required of us. Think about it, when the blind Bartimaeus called out to Jesus He asked him 'What is it that you would have me do?' Jesus knew he was blind but Bartimaeus needed to speak the request, 'That I might receive my sight'.

God has set this world up by speaking it into existence and that is how we receive His promises of protection, we speak it forth. Isaiah 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. There is only one way for God's Word to return to Him and that is for us to speak it forth. God has told us we need to do this. Isaiah 43:22 states "But thou has not called upon me".

A lot of people speak of guardian angels but don't really believe it. The author of Hebrews tells us in Hebrews 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? How do they minister? Psalms 103:20 states "Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word." What is the voice of His Word? It is the believer declaring the promises of God in his life. Promises of not just protection but finances, health, relationships and whatever else we need.

Am I saying that we will never have problems? No! Because we are believers we have a target on our back. Just like we have laws in the natural that are designed to protect us for theft and violence we have an enemy that will break the law to hurt us. What Jesus told us in 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. We have a power that our enemy can't overcome. He may make some progress but as long as we stand our ground, he will not be successful in his attack.

In this day when our government is allowing immigrants into America from nations that hate us and have engaged in murderous attacks in other western nations we need to be vigilant. We need to be ready at all times. Columbine, Virginia Tech, Aurora Theater, San Bernarndo, Fort Hood and all the other mass killings that have occurred remind us of the dangers we face.

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Footnotes:

1. All scripture is from KJV unless otherwise indicated.