

LESSON 25

DIVINE PROTECTION.

HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noon-day. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.—*Psalm xci. 1-8.*

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty: for he maketh sore, and bindeth up: he woundeth, and his hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

In famine he shall redeem thee from death ; and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue ; neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh. At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh ; neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth. For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field ; and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace ; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin. Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great, and thine offspring as the grass of the earth. Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.—*Job* v. 17–26.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation ; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder ; the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot. 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.—*Psalms* xci. 9–15.

TRUST IN GOD.

THE Lord is my shepherd ; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures : he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul : he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil ; for thou art with me : thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies : thou anointest my head with oil : my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—*Psalm* xxiii. 1-6.

The Lord is my light and my salvation ; whom shall I fear ? the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom shall I be afraid ?—*Psalm* xxvii. 1.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer ; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust ; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.—*Psalm* xviii. 2.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.—*Psalm lvi.* 3, 4.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved. My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.—*Psalm lxii.* 1, 2, 5-8.

Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hind's feet, and he will make me to walk upon my high places.—*Hab. iii.* 17-19.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.—*Isa. xii.* 2.

PENITENTS ENCOURAGED.

COME unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.—*Matt.* xi. 28, 29.

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.—*Isa.* xlv. 22.

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?—*Ezek.* xviii. 22.

As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?—*Ezek.* xxxiii. 10, 11.

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.—*Isa.* lv. 1.

In the last day, that great day of the feast,

Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.—*John* vii. 37.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.—*John* iii. 17.

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?—*Rom.* viii. 32.

For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.—*1 Tim.* ii. 5, 6.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.—*Psalms* cxxx. 7.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—*Isa.* i. 18.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—*Prov.* xxviii. 13.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—*Isa.* lv. 6, 7.

Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.—*John* vi. 37

Ask, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you : for every one that asketh receiveth ; and he that seeketh findeth ; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.—*Matt.* vii. 7, 8.

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.—*Rom.* x. 9.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.—*Rom.* iii. 23.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—*Titus* iii. 5.

For by grace are ye saved through faith ; and that not of yourselves : it is the gift of God : not of works, lest any man should boast.—*Eph.* ii. 8, 9.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.—*John* iii. 36.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.—*John* vi. 47.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; but he that believeth not shall be damned.—*Mark* xvi. 15, 16.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the

wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—*John* iii. 14–16.

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—*Rev.* xxii. 17.

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