

## Is it automatic?

Many Christians think that if God said it in the Bible, then He will do it, and there is nothing we can do to change it. But there are other Christians who see verses like Psa. 91:10 that says, “No evil will befall you, and 91:16, “With long life I will satisfy you...” and then wonder why missionaries still get killed, and pastors still die of cancer!! It doesn’t matter how good you are, or how busy you are in the church, or how long you pray. God works by spiritual laws, and these are in the Bible. He is true to His Word, and will not go against it. He **cannot** go against it. He would cease to be a Holy and just God if He did! For more on this subject, see my brochure called, *Pentecostal, Charismatic; what’s the difference?*

## Three categories

I have found in the Bible three qualifications to be protected: We must have a firm foundation, we must meet the requirements, and we must ask in faith. We’ll study those and then at the end, give verses of protection. Use these to build your faith (confidence) for God’s protection. Remember, God honors faith! Just as faith gets God to work, **fear gets the devil to work**. Fear gives him access into your life, so **you must not be afraid**. You control your mind and emotions by bombarding them with verses like those in here, speaking them out of your mouth. In

my brochure *How to use your sword and shield* are more directions.

## Firm Foundation

Matt. 7:24-27, “Therefore, **whoever hears these sayings of mine and does them**, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock (bedrock). But everyone who hears these saying of Mine, **and does not do them**, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it fell, and great was its fall!” Doing what the Bible says to do-- that is the firm foundation. But please notice, **obeying doesn’t exempt you from the storm!** The storm came to both houses. But the doer of the Word wasn’t destroyed by it.

A similar verse is James 1:22-25. “But **be doers of the Word**, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” Then this goes on to speak as though the Word is like looking in a mirror and seeing that you need to comb your hair, but then going away and do nothing about it. If you read something that shows where you need to change, but you close the Bible and do nothing about it, you are foolish according to Matt. 7 and you’ll be destroyed by every storm of life.

## Must qualify

Psa. 91:10 says, “No evil will befall you” but to whom does this apply? Look at verse one: “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

If we need to dwell in the “secret place” we should know what it is, shouldn’t we? Look at Matt. 6:6. “But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” So prayer could be the secret place!

I Thess. 5:17, “Pray without ceasing.” In other words, don’t stop. Didn’t Psa. 91 say “He who **dwells** in the secret place ...”? Live there! But how do we do that? Practice His presence, acknowledge your dependence upon Him in everything you do. Ask God to help you think of Him often throughout your days. Train yourself to be thankful. The more time you spend with Him, the easier this will be. A good idea is to personalize Psa. 91 and read it often. It would begin, “I dwell in the secret place ...” and “I abide under ...” and verse 3, “Surely You will deliver me ...”

Another important factor is to obey hunches or feelings. That may be the Holy Spirit trying to protect you!

## Ask in faith

James 1:6-7, “But let him ask in faith with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord.”

Did you know that begging God won't get you anything? Begging has doubt. Begging doesn't know for sure if He will do it. James 5:15 says “The prayer **of faith** will save (make sound) the sick ...” Mark 11:24 explains what is the prayer of faith. “... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them.” If you haven't heard much faith teaching, this sounds crazy. It is another example of God's thinking being so different from ours. Examples: The first shall be last, Mk. 10:31; To be great, be a servant, Mt. 20:26-27; and if you want more, give it away, Lk.18:30, 6:37-38.

The way to believe you have your request is to say or read out-loud the verses that indicate that what you want is God's will. **The more you hear theses verses, the more you will believe them.** Rom. 10:17 says, “Faith comes by hearing ...” Hitler knew this. He said, “Tell a lie loud enough and long enough, and people will believe it.”

## Verses of Protection

II Chron. 16:9, The eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are loyal to Him.

Psa. 103:2 & 4, “Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and forget not all His benefits, ... who redeems your life from destruction ...”

Psa. 107:20, “He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction.

Psa.105:14-15, “He permitted no one to do them wrong, yes, He rebuked kings for their sakes. Saying, ‘Do not touch my anointed ones ...’”

Prov. 2:7, “He is a shield to those who walk uprightly.” (people of integrity)

Isa. 54:14 & 17 “You shall be far from oppression for **you shall not fear**. And from terror, for it shall not come near you.” and “No weapon formed against you will prosper...”

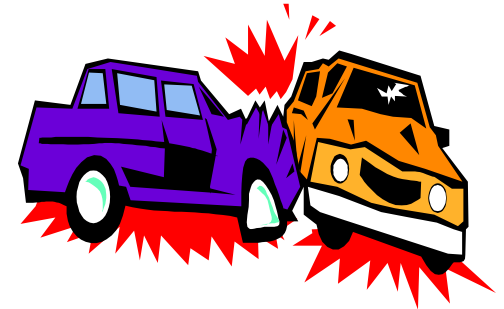
Psa. 23:4, “**I will fear no evil** for you are with me.”

Matt. 24:6 “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. **See that you are not troubled.**”

An effective prayer and confession (or affirmation) is: “The blood of Jesus covers me, Your angels surround me, and Your word says, ‘No evil will befall me!’ I am protected!” Rev. 12:11, “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.” Heb. 1:14, (Angels are here to help us!)

How can I be sure  
Of God's

# Protection?



A mini Bible Study  
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