

The Bible promises that Jehovah will strengthen us and protect us not only from spiritual harm but from any other lasting harm. In this article, we will answer the following questions: Why do we need to be protected? How does Jehovah protect us? And what must we do to benefit from the help Jehovah offers?

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Paragraph 1

(John 17:14, 15) I have given your word to them, but the world has hated them, because they are no part of the world, just as I am no part of the world. 15 “I do not request that you take them out of the world, but that you watch over them because of the wicked one.

Paragraph 3

(Revelation 12:12) On this account be glad, you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and for the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing that he has a short period of time.”

(John 16:2) Men will expel you from the synagogue. In fact, the hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he has offered a sacred service to God.

(2 Thessalonians 3:3) But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the wicked one.

Paragraph 4

(Ephesians 6:13-17) For this reason take up the complete suit of armor from God, so that you may be able to resist in the wicked day and, after you have accomplished everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm,

therefore, with the belt of truth fastened around your waist, wearing the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having your feet shod in readiness to declare the good news of peace. 16 Besides all of this, take up the large shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the wicked one’s burning arrows. 17 Also, accept the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, that is, God’s word,

Paragraph 5

(John 8:44) You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie.

(Revelation 12:9) So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth; he was hurled down to the earth, and his angels were hurled down with him.

(John 4:24) God is a Spirit, and those worshipping him must worship with spirit and truth.”

(Ephesians 4:25) Therefore, now that you have put away deceit, each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, because we are members belonging to one another.

(Hebrews 13:18) Keep praying for us, for we trust we have an honest conscience, as we wish to conduct ourselves honestly in all things.

Paragraph 6

(Proverbs 4:23) Above all the things that you guard, safeguard your heart, For out of it are the sources of life.

(Matthew 22:36, 37) “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” 37 He said to him: “You must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.’

(James 4:4) Adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever, therefore, wants to be a friend of the world is making himself an enemy of God.

(1 John 2:15, 16) Do not love either the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him; 16 because everything in the world—the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the showy display of one’s means of life—does not originate with the Father, but originates with the world.

Paragraph 7

(Psalm 97:10) O you who love Jehovah, hate what is bad. He is guarding the lives of his loyal ones; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

(1 John 5:3) For this is what the love of God means, that we observe his commandments; and yet his commandments are not burdensome,

Paragraph 9

(1 Peter 3:15) But sanctify the Christ as Lord in your hearts, always ready to make a defense before everyone who demands of you a reason for the hope you have, but doing so with a mild temper and deep respect.

(Hebrews 13:5, 6) Let your way of life be free of the love of money, while you are content with the present things. For he has said: “I will never leave you, and I will never abandon you.” 6 So that we may be of good courage and say: “Jehovah is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?”

(1 Thessalonians 2:2) For although we had first suffered and been insolently treated in Phi·lip·pi, as you know, we mustered up boldness by means of our God to tell you the good news of God in the face of much opposition.

Paragraph 10

(1 Thessalonians 5:8) But as for us who belong to the day, let us keep our senses and put on the breastplate of faith and love and the hope of salvation as a helmet

(1 Timothy 4:10) This is why we are working hard and exerting ourselves, because we have rested our hope on a living God, who is a Savior of all sorts of men, especially of faithful ones.

(Titus 1:1, 2) Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God’s chosen ones and the accurate knowledge of the truth that is according to godly devotion 2 and is based on a hope of the everlasting life that God, who cannot lie, promised long ago;

(Psalm 26:2) Examine me, O Jehovah, and put me to the test; Refine my innermost thoughts and my heart.

(Psalm 104:34) Let my thoughts be pleasing to him. I will rejoice in Jehovah.

(1 Timothy 6:17) Instruct those who are rich in the present system of things not to be arrogant, and to place their hope, not on uncertain riches, but on God, who richly provides us with all the things we enjoy.

Paragraph 11

(2 Corinthians 10:4, 5) For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful by God for overturning strongly entrenched things. 5 For we are overturning reasonings and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we

are bringing every thought into captivity to make it obedient to the Christ;

(2 Timothy 3:16, 17) All Scripture is inspired of God and beneficial for teaching, for reproving, for setting things straight, for disciplining in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be fully competent, completely equipped for every good work.

(Hebrews 4:12) For the word of God is alive and exerts power and is sharper than any two-edged sword and pierces even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints from the marrow, and is able to discern thoughts and intentions of the heart.

(2 Timothy 2:15) Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright.

Paragraph 12

(1 Peter 2:17) Honor men of all sorts, have love for the whole association of brothers, be in fear of God, honor the king.

Paragraph 13

(Hebrews 10:24, 25) And let us consider one another so as to incite to love and fine works, 25 not forsaking our meeting together, as some have the custom, but encouraging one another, and all the more so as you see the day drawing near.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14) On the other hand, we urge you, brothers, to warn the disorderly, speak consolingly to those who are depressed, support the weak, be patient toward all.

(Acts 20:35) I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way, you must assist those who are weak and must keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus, when he himself said:

‘There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving.’”

(Romans 1:11, 12) For I am longing to see you, that I may impart some spiritual gift to you for you to be made firm; 12 or, rather, that we may have an interchange of encouragement by one another’s faith, both yours and mine.

(2 Timothy 2:3) As a fine soldier of Christ Jesus, take your part in suffering adversity.

Paragraph 14

(Isaiah 37:36) And the angel of Jehovah went out and struck down 185,000 men in the camp of the As-syr'i-ans. When people rose up early in the morning, they saw all the dead bodies.

(Judges 6:16) But Jehovah said to him: “Because I will be with you, you will strike down Mid'i-an as if they were one man.”

Paragraph 15

(John 8:44) You are from your father the Devil, and you wish to do the desires of your father. That one was a murderer when he began, and he did not stand fast in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks according to his own disposition, because he is a liar and the father of the lie.

(Isaiah 54:15) If anyone should attack you, It will not be at my orders. Whoever makes an attack on you will fall because of you.”

(Isaiah 54:17) No weapon formed against you will have any success, And you will condemn any tongue that rises up against you in the judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of Jehovah, And their righteousness is from me,” declares Jehovah.

Paragraph 16

(Revelation 17:16-18) And the ten horns that you saw and the wild beast, these will hate the prostitute and will make her devastated and naked, and they will eat up her flesh and completely burn her with fire. 17 For God put it into their hearts to carry out his thought, yes, to carry out their one thought by giving their kingdom to the wild beast, until the words of God will have been accomplished. 18 And the woman whom you saw means the great city that has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.”

(Revelation 18:2) And he cried out with a strong voice, saying: “She has fallen! Babylon the Great has fallen, and she has become a dwelling place of demons and a place where every unclean spirit and every unclean and hated bird lurks!

(Revelation 18:4) And I heard another voice out of heaven say: “Get out of her, my people, if you do not want to share with her in her sins, and if you do not want to receive part of her plagues.

(Revelation 7:9, 10) After this I saw, and look! a great crowd, which no man was able to number, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes; and there were palm branches in their hands. 10 And they keep shouting with a loud voice, saying: “Salvation we owe to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

(Revelation 16:14) They are, in fact, expressions inspired by demons and they perform signs, and they go out to the kings of the entire inhabited earth, to gather them together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty.

(Revelation 16:16) And they gathered them together to the place that is called in Hebrew Armageddon.

Paragraph 17

(Romans 16:20) For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you.

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