

## There shall not an hair of your head perish (from persecution)

Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and **persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons,** being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death.

17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

18 But **there shall not an hair of your head perish.**

Even though Jesus was talking to the Old Testament Israelites, the principle in these verses are applicable to us today.

"There shall not an hair of your head perish" in Luke 21:18 (above) contradicts "some of you shall they cause to be put to death" in Luke 21:16 (above). They cannot both be God's will for us. We need to look broadly in the Bible to resolve this apparent contradiction and let Scripture interpret Scripture.

God promises safety in many places in the Bible (listed below and elsewhere in this set of studies). Therefore, "there shall not an hair of your head perish" in Luke 21:18 (above) is God's will for us and "some of you shall they cause to be put to death" in Luke 21:16 (above) is an observation.

The study "Bible Miracles Explained" shows that when we do "faith" in agreement with God's will of "there shall not an hair of your head perish," then God's power implements God's will to protect us from harm. The study "Fight the Good fight of Faith" tells how to make one's faith stronger to bring greater result. Do Romans 10:17 and Joshua 1:8 to make your faith stronger. [See also the study "Little Faith Great Faith."]

Luke 4:24 (NIV) "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown.

25 I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land.

26 Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

27 And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian.”

28 All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this.

29 They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff.

30 But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Be like Jesus (above). Also, both the widow of Zarephath and Naaman acted in agreement with God’s will to obtain their miracles.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy** (*loosen, undo*) **the works of the devil**.

Jesus’ mission (above): to undo the devil’s work, to oppose the devil.

John 14:12 Verily (*truly*), verily (*truly*), I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

We are to do Jesus’ work: undo the devil’s work, just like the 12 in Luke 9:1-6, just like the 70 in Luke 10:1-19. Note that Jesus said “verily” (*truly*) twice. Jesus means what he said.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe In my name shall they cast out devils they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

## Other protection verses that show God’s will

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

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

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

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

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep (*guard, protect, save*) thee (*you*) in all thy (*your*) ways.

The context of Psalms 91 is that for those who stick closely to God/God's Word, no terror, arrows, pestilence, destruction come near. Thousands may fall at one's side, but no harm comes near. This is God's will. So, add your faith to it. Moses raised his rod and the Egyptian army perished.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

"Deliver us from evil" is part of "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth."  
"Deliver us from evil" is God's will for us. "Deliver us from evil" is also a Mark 11:23 statement. Therefore, praying "deliver us from evil" is a "faith" action in agreement with God's will that causes God's power to implement God's will of "deliver us from evil" to protect us.

Luke 10:17 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, **I give unto you** power (**authority**) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

In Luke 10:17-19 (above), Jesus gave the 70 authority to do work. That authority, in the form of Jesus' name, is to "tread on serpents and scorpions (*devils*) and over all the power of the enemy." And "nothing shall by any means hurt" the 70. Since the church uses Jesus' name also, this applies to the church also.

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2 Corinthians 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The “grace” that Jesus gave to Paul (and us) is the name of Jesus and the Spirit of God and power (Philippians 2:9-10 and 1 John 4:4 below, and Acts 10:38, Acts 1:5, 1:8, Acts 2:2-4, Matthew 3:11, Luke 24:49). Man must then act according to God’s Word to apply these tools to defeat Satan’s bad angels. Study how Jesus did it.

Philippians 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Numbers 10:9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Man first acts according to God’s will and then God implements God’s will on earth to save man. See the study “Bible Miracles Explained” to see many examples of this principle. We should do faith (Mark 11:22-23) in agreement with these protection verses to bring God’s protection to us.

Matthew 18:18 Verily (*truly*) I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask (*call for, G154*), it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

As always, what we bind and call for are those things in God’s will (what God has already authorized), as defined in the Bible.

## God backs up His Will; How to obtain God’s will

1. See the “Bible Miracles Explained” study.
2. See the “What Jesus Means By Faith” study.

3. See the "G154 to call for" study.
4. See the "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" study.
5. See "Basic Verses Gods Will" study.

## About persecution

Because Jesus charged us (the body of Christ) to undo the devil's work, the devil may fight back. Jesus equipped the church (the body of Christ) with the same tools God equipped Jesus with: God's Word, the name of Jesus, the Spirit of God, and power (Acts 1:8, 10:38). Our "faith" that moves God's power/brings miracles depends on our learning God's Word and putting God's Word in our heart (Romans 10:17, John 15:7, John 8:31-32, Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 4:20-22). The devil counters by distracting us from God's Word (Mark 4:11-20) and by buffeting us (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). However, we, the body of Christ, win against the devil's work, if we continue to put God's Word in our heart to make our "faith" strong (Romans 10:17, John 15:7, John 8:31-32, Joshua 1:8, Proverbs 4:20-22) and to do "faith" to undo the devil's work (1 John 3:8, John 14:12, 1 John 4:4, Mark 16:17-18, Mark 11:22-24). [See the studies "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means by Faith," "Gospel of Kingdom of God," "Prayer Authority," and "Fight the Good Fight of Faith."]