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### **Protection**

God's will is to protect his children from all harm and threats. Philippians 4:19 includes protection for those of God. As always, we do "faith" in agreement with God's Word to manifest protection for us. Ephesians 6:10-18 (below) is often called "the armor of God." All these verses are related, in some way, to God's Word working in us.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

- 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
- 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
- 15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
- 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
- 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
- 18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Christians, who are God's children, should not have any trouble believing the above. The trouble is that Christians do not see others being protected from harm, as compared to non-Christians. Judging the Bible by experience or by what we see around us is called "walking by sight." Instead, we are to "walk by faith" (2 Corinthians 5:7) and "live by faith" (Romans 1:16-17): we should walk by what the Bible says. As always, we manifest protection for us by doing "faith" in agreement with God says about protecting us.

Bible basics to help us interpreting the remainder of this study:

### God cannot lie

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Numbers 23:19 **God** is **not** a man, that he should **lie**; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

1 Samuel 15:29 And also the **Strength of Israel will not lie** nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.

Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

## **God cannot change**

Malachi 3:6 For <u>I am the LORD</u>, **I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

God's position on issues remains the same from the Old Testament to the New Testament, save for the arrival of Jesus and its consequence. Jesus delivered to the body of Christ (Christians) Jesus' authority (all authority on earth) and Spirit/power to do John 14:12 (and 1 John 3:8, and John 10:10). [See the "Jesus Church Parallels" and "The Big Picture" studies.] God's desire to protect his children remains the same. Since Jesus, we are to use "faith" to manifest protection for us. "Love our enemies" and "pray for those who persecute us" do not contradict manifesting God's protection for us. "Enemies" are not the same as "attackers/attacks."

"Pray for those who persecute us" does not mean God wants them to hurt us. We always pray in line with God's will. We pray God's will for our persecutors: (1) they accept Jesus, (2) they behave according to the ten commandments, (3) they stop persecuting/attack us, (4) they love us and others, (5) they do to us as they would do to themselves. "Enemies" are those who are hostile to us. "Enemies" become "attackers" when they are about to hurt us. We are to love our enemies and to pray for them as shown previously. God's will for our attackers is exhibited below. Think of the Egyptian army who chased after Moses and the Israelites into the parted Red Sea. God left the Egyptians alone until they chased into the parted Red Sea, about to undo God's will. God then destroyed the attack. [See the "The Big Picture" study and the examples below.]

## God cannot break a promise

Psalm 89:34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

### God's Word cannot be broken

John 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

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## God treats everyone the same

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**:

## Jesus stops storm

This Bible example shows God wants to protect us from harm and loss. There is no attacker in this example. So, God wants us protected from natural threats and accidents. Jesus spoke a "faith" statement to implement this protection. We should do the same.

Luke 8:22 Now it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled [with water], and were in jeopardy.

24 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and  $\underline{\text{rebuked}}$  the wind and the raging of the water: and  $\underline{\text{they}}$  ceased, and there was a calm.

Jesus (son of man/man) first "rebuked the wind" to act in agreement with God's will (Matthew 6:10, 6:13) and then God's power implemented God's will to protect people.

25 And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

Remember John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, John 10:10. [See "The Big Picture" study.] Therefore, we can use Jesus' name and our faith to stop attacks, harm, or loss. We can also disable or remove our attacker, per the examples below.

Also: Luke 10:17-19, Philippians 2:9-10, John 14:13-14, John 16:23-24, Mark 16:17, Acts 3:6, 3:16.

A faith statement that will do the job: Father God, in Jesus' name, no evil befalls me and no plague comes near my home or properties. [Based on Psalm 91 below.]

More examples that God wants to protect us, our family, our business, our income, etc.:

Psalm 91:2  $\underline{I}$  will  $\underline{\textbf{say}}$  of the  $\underline{LORD}$ , He  $\underline{is}$  my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

We need to say (do "faith") that God is our refuge and our fortress and that we trust in God.

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3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

### God delivers us from threats and attacks.

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

### God is our shield.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Because of the promises above, we will not be afraid of threats/attacks day and night.

6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

### We are protected from these also.

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

Our attackers shall fall all around us and none of them comes near us. These verses describe God's will regarding attacks against us.

- 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;

We are protected because we choose to stick with God and God's Word, by doing faith.

- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For  $\underline{\text{he}}$  shall give his **angels** charge over thee, to  $\underline{\text{keep}}$  thee in all thy ways.

Psalm 91:2-11 (above) show God's will for us before accidents, disaster, or attacks occur. It shows that we are to do "faith" before bad things happen. We are to manifest protection (and "daily bread") before we get attacked, during attacks against us, and after attacks against us. Psalm 91:11 says that God has charged angels to protect us. But, as always, we need to do faith and make our faith strong. [See the "Beat Short Deadline" and "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" studies.]

Psalm 91:11 (above) says that God has given us angels to protect us from harm. Jesus, God's son, says that Jesus also has angels to protect him (Matthew 26:53 below, the context is protection.)

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Matthew 26:51 And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

- 52 Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.
- 53 Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than **twelve legions of angels**?

Matthew 26:51-53 (above) is about how to obtain God's protection. Jesus had already told them that God's plan was to sacrifice Jesus. Drawing the sword then was actually contrary to God's will. Therefore, Jesus told the man to put away the sword because Jesus has available more than twelve legions of angels to protect Jesus. As always, man does faith to activate this protection, as shown in 2 Kings 6:14-23 (below). What Jesus said also harmonizes with Zechariah 4:6 (immediately below) where God says that we don't have to use our strength and our power to do God's will. Rather, we can use God's Spirit (and power, Acts 10:38, Luke 9:1, Acts 1:8, Matthew 18:18-20, John 14:12, Luke 10:19) to manifest God's will.

Zechariah 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

So, how many legions of angels are assigned to God's children? Since Jesus said in John 14:12 that we are to do greater work than Jesus did, it is likely that we have many legions of angels to help and protect us

[See the "Illuminating Bible Passages" study on activating Spirit and power to manifest God's will.]

[Also, note that it is ok with Jesus that Simon Peter (John 18:10) carried a lethal weapon to protect himself. This is like using doctor/medicine as well as pray for healing.]

Luke 22:35-38 (immediately below) shows another instance where Jesus said there are situations where we should have lethal weapons. Jesus protected them and supplied their needs while Jesus was with them. However, their situation was about to change. Therefore, they should protect themselves adequately until Jesus delivered authority and power to them. [Deuteronomy 19:10 says that the Israelites should not shed innocent blood.]

[See the "Jesus Church Parallels" and "The Big Picture" studies. Attacks against God or God's people are Satan's work (Genesis 3:15, Luke 13:16, John 10:10). Also, see the "The Work We Do" study.]

Luke 22:35 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

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- 36 Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.
- 37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.
- 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

Jesus said that there are situations where we are to acquire lethal weapons. We are to do the best we can in the natural and also do faith to tap into God's protection.

The following example shows that our angels protect us and how to activate our angels: do faith.

- 2 Kings 6:14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
- 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
- 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.
- 17 And **Elisha** prayed, and **said**, LORD, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.
- $\underline{18}$  And when they came down to him, **Elisha** prayed unto the LORD, and **said**, **Smite this people**, I pray thee, **with blindness**. And <u>he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.</u>

Elisha did faith and God is perfectly fine with it. This is God's will.

- 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria.
- 20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that **Elisha** said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria.
- 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? shall I smite them?
- 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread

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and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master.

23 And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

2 Kings 6:16-18 (above) shows that angels surrounded Elisha and his servant. God heard Elisha's faith statements and did them. Elisha and his servant were protected by the angels according to Elisha's faith. 2 Kings 6:20-23 (above) shows "love thy enemies," Matthew 5:43-44. 2 Kings 6:16-18 (above) shows God's will to protect his people and how man's faith activates this protection. Once the attack is over, God's will is "love thy enemies."

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power (<u>authority</u>, Strong#: G1849) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Luke 10:19 (above) shows that we are to use the authority in Jesus' name to <u>tread</u> on our attackers, Satan, and defeat Satan's power/attack. God's will is that we do not take damage nor suffer loss. We are to do "faith" and God expects us to win.

Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And <u>lead us not into temptation</u>, but deliver us from evil:

Matthew 6:11 (above, part of the Lord's Prayer) shows God's will for us before accidents, disaster, or attacks occur. It shows that we are to do "faith" before bad things happen. We are to manifest protection (and "daily bread") before we get attacked.

Psalm 23:4 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.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalm 23:5 (above) says that God prepares a table before our enemies. The context is a fight, not peace negotiation (see Luke 10:19 above). God fights and we eat well. Luke 10:19 (above) shows that God expects us to win decisively and to treat the devils roughly. And, we do not take damage.

The "Beat Short Deadline" study shows how we win quickly.

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## **More Examples:**

### God defends Moses and the Israelites

There are many such examples in the Bible and in the "Bible Miracles Explained" and "What Jesus Means By Faith" studies. Also, see the Jehoshaphat example in the "Illuminating Bible Passages" study (search for "Jehoshaphat").

## God "destroying" the Egyptian army is particularly detailed and clear:

Exodus 14:9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

- 10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD.
- 11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?
- 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.
- 13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the  $\underline{\text{salvation of the Lord}}$ , which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.
- 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.
- 15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:
- 16 But <u>lift thou up thy rod</u>, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.
- 17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.
- 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

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19 And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

- 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.
- 21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.
- 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.
- 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.
- 24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians,
- 25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians.
- 26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

Moses is to do Exodus 4:17 (faith action).

27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

Moses did his faith action in agreement with Exodus 4:17. We also do faith actions do obtain protection.

28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

Clearly, in this case, it is God's will to "destroy" those who attack God's people.

29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

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30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

We should also do our faith action to obtain our protection.

## Elijah killed the prophets of Baal

- 1 Kings 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.
- 20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.
- 21 And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.
- 22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.
- 23 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:
- 24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

### Elijah spoke his faith statement.

- 25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.
- 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.
- 27 And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.
- 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.
- 29 And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

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- 30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.
- 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
- 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.
- 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
- 34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.
- 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.
- 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.
- 37 Hear me, O Lord, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the Lord God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

Elijah spoke his faith statement, building on Elijah's earlier faith statements that God answers by fire.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

### God did according to Elijah's faith statements.

- 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.
- 40 And  $\underline{\text{Elijah}}$  said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

Elijah, being a prophet of God, spoke God's will. Miracles are manifesting God's will on earth. God must have agreed with Elijah. There is no sign that God disapproved Elijah's actions here. Therefore, God is zealously against those who oppose God or who attack God's people.

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## Joshua (man) first did God's will and then God gave them the city

Joshua and the Israelites were on their way to the Promised Land (God's will, Exodus 3:8). The people of Ai were about to <u>attack</u> them. Joshua used faith to defeat them.

Joshua 8:18 And the Lord said unto Joshua, <u>Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand</u>. And <u>Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city</u>.

19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire.

## Joshua spoke faith and God defeated those who attacked God's will

Joshua 10:8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for  $\underline{\text{I have}}$  delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.

God's will above. Exodus 3:8 is still in effect. God will fight for them to manifest God's will.

Joshua 10:12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

Joshua (man) first speaks in agreement with God's will (so that they had time to do God's will).

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.

God wants God's will be done on earth. The Lord's Prayer says, "thy will be done on earth."

14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

# Once again, God fought to manifest God's will on earth

God's will, as stated in Exodus 3:8, is in effect. God let these people be until they <u>attack</u> God's will and God's people.

Joshua 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph,

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- 2 And to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west,
- 3 And to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the mountains, and to the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpeh.
- 4 And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many.
- 5 And when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.
- 6 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

God's will: God said God will fight for them.

7 So <u>Joshua came</u>, <u>and all the people of war with him</u>, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them.

Man does God's will (just like in the case of Jericho). Man must act in agreement with God's will first and then God does what God said.

8 And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephothmaim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining.

This is like Luke 10:1, 10:9, 10:17-19, John 14:12, 1 John 3:8, John 10:10.

### Samson first called to God and then God answered

Judges 13:4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:

5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

Judges 13:4-5 (above) expresses God's will regarding Samson and the oppressors of God's people.

Judges 16:28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.

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### Samson first speaks in agreement with God's will.

- 29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.
- 30 And <u>Samson said</u>, <u>Let me die with the Philistines</u>. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they which he slew in his life.

Then God implements God's will. "According to your faith be it unto you" of Matthew 9:29 applies here. Apparently, Samson's notion of equating the Philistines' lives with Samson's two eyes is fine with God. God fights against those who attack God's people and God's will. However, man must do faith first.

There are many such protection examples where God saved people when people did faith in agreement with God's Word. We should do the same. See these examples in the "Bible Miracles Explained," "What Jesus Means By Faith," "Illuminating Bible Passages" studies.

It is important to do protection faith frequently, if not daily. Measure your own faith strength by observing how easily you receive other miracles. If you do not have faith like Stephen's (Acts 6:8), read again the "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" and "Jesus Paul Do More Faith" studies. Do not let the devil have a shot against you.

### Suggestions for consideration:

Father God, in Jesus' name, no evil befalls me nor my family and no plague comes near my home nor my belongings. Your angels protect us in all our ways.

### [Based on Psalm 91.]

Father God, in Jesus' name, You expose, show to me, and nullify all attacks against me and my family. You do the same with my attackers.

## [2 Kings 6:12]

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This is not a tutorial. Only the key Bible verses are listed. You may need to look up the context, the surrounding verses, to get the full message/meaning. The verses here are in the King James translation. A popular Internet Bible with many translations and languages: <a href="www.biblegateway.com">www.biblegateway.com</a>. You may find translations such as NIV and AMP easier to understand. The Bible verses are in Courier New 12 font, and the clarifications that I inserted into a Bible verse are inside parentheses in italics. If you want more precise translation, go to <a href="www.blueletterbible.org">www.blueletterbible.org</a>, choose the King James Version (KJV), input the book and chapter, and turn on the Strong word option. The returned web page will show Bible verses as well as each word's Strong number, its meaning, and cross references.

Also, using the name of Jesus to receive healing does not mean refusing medical care. You should receive medical care because God wants you healthy. But you should also use Jesus' name to pray the prayer of faith to receive healing from God.

Lastly, these Bible studies do not address other Bible issues. Other issues are well addressed by other Christian sources. These studies only focus on how to receive miracles faster.

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