

Part 2 – The Pure Words of the Lord Protect Us

In part 1 we learned that our lips are a tool. Those who don't truly love God, and strive to serve Jesus Christ, use their lips however they want; which is often for very evil purposes. They flatter others with guile and have a double heart because they allow their carnal mind (heart) to control them instead of subduing it so they can obey God's Word (and Holy Spirit) sincerely, from the heart. But we also learned that God will cut off all those who flatter with their lips and speak proud things. He simply won't put up with this forever. And so, it behooves us to learn to use our lips to glorify God and not ourselves. We'll now move on in this chapter to learn more about the vanity of man and David's prayer for deliverance from the ungodly...

Psalm 12

5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

In response to David's prayer about the lack of godly men and abundance of those who speak vanity, flattering with guile and speaking with a double heart, our Heavenly Father (YHVH) now promises that He will 'arise'. The *Companion Bible* says this could actually be translated as David requesting that YHVH will say He'll arise. But either way, He will indeed 'rise up' to put an end to the wicked and save the righteous because *it is written* that He *will*. For, as we have learned, when the *true* Jesus Christ returns, He'll put down all those who are wicked and workers of iniquity *because* He'll take full control over all the earth, and even heaven, - so that evil may no more abound. The thing that really angers our Heavenly Father is that the rebellion of Satan (and his followers) hurts His children so very much – both physically and spiritually. Not only do they oppress others physically, but spiritually too, because the wicked try so very hard to keep people from coming to their only means of salvation, which is (of course) through Jesus Christ. That's why they shoot arrows of lies and deceit at us constantly (through various methods). And that's also why they try so hard to get physical control of all things, especially any form of communications such as the media, our education system and even the Churches.

Now, the word '**poor**' here is the same as was used back in Psalms 9:8, 10:2 and 9. It is '*aniy* (#6041), which means: **depressed, in mind or circumstances** and comes from '*anah* (#6031), which means: **to depress** (literally or figuratively, transitive or intransitive). And the word '**oppression**' is *shod* (#7701); or *showd* (Job 5:21) (*shode*), which means: **violence or ravage**. It comes from the prim root *shuwd* (#7736), which means: **to swell up**, i.e. figuratively (by implication of insolence) **to devastate**. And the word '**needy**' is '*ebyown* (#34), which means (in the sense of want, especially in feeling) **destitute**. Further the word '**puffeth**' is *puwach* (#6315), a primitive root that means: **to puff**, i.e. **blow with the breath or air**; hence, **to fan** (as a breeze), **to utter**, **to kindle** (a fire), **to scoff**.

How easy it is to see how this is done in both the physical sense and the spiritual sense in our world today! Physical violence and devastation abound. From fires to invasions of immigrants, economic destruction and real physical war, people are indeed oppressed. And of course, there's

also the weaponization of the medical and science community along with the education system and they're even trying to weaponize the weather albeit they still do not know how to fully control it like our Heavenly Father does. And, of course, it's the innocent civilians who bear the brunt of the oppressions. Notice how those who are waging war (through many means) are always protected (in their bunkers or wherever they go for safety) but they leave the population to starve and be destitute, trying to find safe places to live after their homes and land are destroyed. Although people talk against the 'humanitarian crisis' that ravages one nation after another, nothing is ever really done to stop it. Generation after generation innocent people are still attacked and left destitute.

And what's worse is the *spiritual* desolation. Because truth (the Word of God, Jesus Christ) is so severely persecuted, people are left confused, depressed, hurt, in pain and *don't know what to do or where to turn*. The one thing that could stop the ungodly (even the wicked) would be for the majority of people to turn their hearts and minds back to the one true God (through Jesus Christ) and repent. *Then* He has compassion on us (as the history of Israel shows) and will help us from the cursings that plague us. But people cannot repent *if they don't know how to, or even that they need to*. This is why it's so important to continue to find, and use, the gift that Jesus Christ has given you. It's important that each and every person in the Body of Christ use their gift(s) the best they can so that we, as a whole (the Body of Christ) *can impact the world for the better*.

Remember, the reason God leaves the wicked in the world is to test His children. **But, He does not leave the wicked on earth with total free reign**. He has His 'elect' (the Body of Christ) on earth *to serve Him* by helping spread the Gospel of Christ to those who are 'oppressed and needy'. It has been said, by wicked people, that we should never 'let a crisis go to waste'. They (the wicked) say this because they are the ones so often *causing* the crisis' because that's how they can gain more power. However, ***the same crisis the wicked use for evil can also be used for good by those who serve Jesus Christ***. For, during the 'hard times' people are much more open to solutions for their troubles. And it is those who love and serve Jesus Christ that need to learn to use any and all 'crisis' that arise *to help people come to Jesus Christ*. While their physical condition on earth may not immediately be better, people can at least find peace of mind (and salvation of their soul) through having a personal relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. The *truth is powerful* and when people realize where all troubles in life come from (Satan and those who follow him) and where the only true solution to the problems comes from (God Almighty and His Son, Jesus Christ) then they might just turn their heart and mind back to the one true God and seek His mercy to obtain His help. So, while the wicked indeed to rule over the earth, with oppression and great evil, we who love and serve Jesus Christ can always find safety and peace through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ from those who 'puff' at us; and it's our job to help others come to Christ Jesus so they too can find this 'safety' in Him. So, we must never forget that, even during the hardest of times, Jesus Christ will help us through it all. As it is written...

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.

1 Cor 10:13

The troubles we go through have happened to others and in all ages, as these Psalms prove. David too was encompassed by ungodly men but notice what his response always was...

*5 I called upon the LORD in distress: **the LORD answered me**, and set me in a large place.*

*6 The LORD is on my side; **I will not fear**: what can man do unto me?*

7 The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

*10 All nations compassed me about: **but in the name of the LORD will I destroy them.***

*11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: **but in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.***

*12 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns: **for in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.***

*13 Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but **the LORD helped me.***

*14 **The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.***

Ps 118:5-14

When David was in trouble (and he had many times like this throughout his life) he *always* called on the Lord (YHVH) to help him. Because he remained loyal to the one and only true God, YHVH always helped him. As He points out in verse 8-9, it is better to trust in YHVH than to put confidence in man or ‘princes’ which means the government. While we should try to hold our governments accountable for the sins they do, we must first and foremost turn to our Heavenly Father (through Jesus Christ) and repent for *our* sins so we can ask for help out of the mess we’ve (our society as a whole) allowed to be created upon the earth. And then, indeed, He will always help us. And, as David’s life proves, God will help us personally out of all troubles too, so long as we remain humble, faithful and repentant for any sins we do make even though we try not to. And so, David points out that, even when he was totally compassed about with armies far greater than his, God gave him the victory because he trusted in Him. That’s why YHVH was his strength, his song and his salvation. God gave David many reasons to write these beautiful Psalms, which were songs of praise many times, because of the deliverance He so graciously gave David. Over and over David experienced YHVH’s ability (mighty power) to deliver him. This should give us great comfort because, as 1 Cor 11:13 says, the hard times we go through are nothing new. Thus, just as He showed David compassion due to his loyal to God Almighty (YHVH) so too will He do for us IF we remain faithful to Him (Jesus Christ).

One could also look at Ps 18:1-15 to see details of how God even fought for David at times, or many of the other Psalms too. We can also read the Gospels and see how much difficulty Jesus

Christ had because He taught the truth and revealed the wicked leaders for who they truly are (Mth 23 and John 8:44 example). Jesus got them so mad that they tried to kill Him several times (John 10:31,39; Luke 4:28-30 for example) but God delivered Him out of them all *until* it was His time to die. We can also look at the many hard times that the apostles had, as the book of Acts attests to. Paul himself had a hell of a time with those wicked rulers in Jerusalem and even beyond. In 2 Cor 6:4-5 he said that, *in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings*. Paul went through a lot to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ but, God delivered him through them all *until* his mission was completed. And his conclusion was...

*17 Notwithstanding **the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.***

*18 And **the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.***

2 Tim 4:17-18

This is the attitude and mindset we too must put on. While we might not be called to be a preacher like Paul was, our gift is just as important. And we should use it - no matter what happens to us - for God (through Jesus Christ) will deliver us too, just as He did for David, Jesus, Paul and the apostles... until our mission is complete and He brings us back to the heavenly dimension to be with Him (i.e. when it's our time to die).

*7 For **God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.***

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

*9 **Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.***

2 Tim 1:7-9

So, we must learn to put off fear and put on the 'mind of Christ' (the 'new man' that the Holy Spirit creates in us when we study His Word and strive to obey it). Fear of all the bad things going on in the world will only make us unable to serve Jesus Christ. So, it's important to kick that out (along with any other sins we may have inside our soul) so we can 'run the race' of this life faithfully, *and* effectively, serving Jesus Christ (Heb 12:1). And we should also remember that persecutions will come, as Paul said...

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

*12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.***
13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.
*14 But **continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of**, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*
2 Tim 3:10-14

Timothy was one of Paul's most faithful students and fellow servants in Jesus Christ. And he warned Timothy that, just as he had endured many persecutions and afflictions, so would Timothy as well because – ***all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*** And that is because *evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.* We see this today on an amazing scale yet we are to *continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of* – this means to continue to study God's Word and seek to obey it (and the Holy Spirit) no matter what happens to you. As Paul said to the Hebrews...

35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
*36 **For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.***
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
Heb 10:32-39

Eternal life is not rewarded to us *until* we have finished our mission on earth, faithfully serving Jesus Christ. But, even before that time, God blesses those who love and remain faithful *in serving* Jesus Christ...

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:
*7 **Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.***
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.
*10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.***
11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
1 Peter 5:6-11

The difficulties we go through in life help us to spiritually mature and that's what helps us to have patience through all the hard times. Experiencing how God delivers us 'time and time again' teaches us to trust in Him more and more. It also gives us the strength to do what's right, no matter what happens to us, and continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the

opportunities arise. So, we must remember the many promises God has given us - especially that He'll take care of us - and not worry about our troubles. As vs 7 says, we should 'cast' all our cares to God through prayer (Phil 4 says this too) because He *really* cares about us (He loves us deeply) and will help us through *all* that comes our way. We must remember and believe that the wicked really will get what they deserve and God will help us through all the hard times...

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned [Gen 6], but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

2 Peter 2:4-9

These are promises we must never forget, beloved. Just because the world is 'going to hell in a handbasket' doesn't mean we should worry, nor should we just sit back and say: "oh well, there's nothing I can do". Bull-crap. If you are a Christian, Jesus Christ has given you a gift – USE IT. Keep studying God's Word and strive to obey it. Keep learning to listen and obey His Holy Spirit. Keep striving to share the Gospel any time there's a chance to do (with discernment). And *don't let all the 'bad news' in the world get you down*. We *must* be diligent to counter all the 'bad news' in the world with the promises of God and remember to 'count our blessings' because that keeps our mind focused on reality. God is not going to let the wicked rule forever. And furthermore, He will help us through all the hard times, even *before* Jesus Christ returns. We must believe that and *claim* His promises *by obeying* His Word the best we can, sincerely, from the heart. And God will bless us for it. [Learn more about this in the special study on: **A Reminder, What to Expect** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/245>].

And so, we know, that even though the wicked on the earth are working to create a 'new world order' to which they will rule (with Satan leading them when he's kicked out of heaven to earth - Rev 12, 2 Thess 2) *God won't let this go on forever*. He has a *set time* for His Son, Jesus Christ to return and put an end to it all. But, even before that time, He will indeed help us through all the hard times **if** we remain faithful to Him and don't lose our faith in Him. As Paul points out in Heb 6:19, hope in salvation through Jesus Christ is the anchor of our soul. It keeps us steadfast in 'the way' of God's Word (Jesus Christ) so that we, despite the many persecutions, always strive to obey God's Word - which is why He'll always deliver us out of the troubles and hard times. And again, this promise of deliverance is not *only* for when Jesus Christ returns (although that's the ultimate deliverance), it also means He'll help us through all troubles *even before* Jesus Christ returns. **If** we believe in Him, He will help us. But, we must do our part and put on the

Gospel armor so we can serve Him to help others come to Jesus Christ before the true Jesus returns. So, let's make sure we too don't let a 'crisis' go to waste...

Psalm 12

6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

The 'words of the Lord (YHVH)' are written in the Bible. It is the Word of God. And they are 'pure' words because there is no sin or defilement whatsoever in them. The word 'pure' here is *tahowr* or *tahor* (#2889) which means: **pure** (in a physical, chemical, ceremonial or moral sense). It comes from the prim root *taher* (#2891), that means: **to be bright**; i.e. (by implication) **to be pure** (physical sound, clear, unadulterated; Levitically, uncontaminated; morally, innocent or holy). This is why Ps 119:105 says: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.* **God's Word is pure information because it is THE TRUTH.** However, if you don't dissect God's Word (look up the words in their original language) or are studying from a bad translation (of which there are many of), or if you're listening to 'traditions of men'... *you won't understand God's Word because it's been perverted.* So, it's up to us to *seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read*, as God tells us to in Isa 34:16. Another Psalm well explains the purity of His Words...

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Ps 19:7-11

God's Laws converts the wicked soul back to humbling loving, and serving, the one and only true God. They make the 'simple' (foolish) wise. His Laws (His Word) is pure *because it always* teaches us what's right and 'enlightens' our eyes with truth. To fear to disobey God's Word is what cleans our 'inward parts' (our soul) because it's what makes us depart from evil (Prov 16: 6) and His judgments are always true, righteous and faithful. As Ps 119:142 says: *Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law is the truth**.* God's Word (His laws, principles and doctrines in it) are an everlasting testimony that warn us how to avoid all the 'bad things' we are experiencing in our nations today and obeying His Word does indeed bring 'great rewards' such as peace of mind as well as peace in our nation - and it will bring peace to the world when Jesus Christ returns because the 'law of the land' will be God's Word when Jesus rules. And this is why Psalms 119 also says: *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word* (Ps 119:9). If we want to clean our ways (from the inside out) then we must study God's Word and strive to obey it from the heart (sincerely). The

Psalmist of 119 also says (in vs 140) that: *Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.* Those who crave the truth will indeed love God's Word and that's because they know learning His Word, and obeying it, not only brings blessing (here and now) but also eternal life. So again, because God's Word is pure, it cleanses us spiritually. This is why Jesus said...

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

John 17:15-19

Again, Jesus did not ask God (nor commission us) to leave this fleshly realm until it's our time to die. We are to stay here and work for Him. That's why He said in Matt 10:16: *Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.*

So, Jesus well knew exactly what He was sending His servants (even today) into but that's why He also asked God (above in John 17) to protect us from evil *and* to sanctify us... through what? Through His truth, which is His Word. And the reason God's Word cleanses us spiritually is that it's the *pure truth*. And because Jesus Christ is sanctified (He lived without ever sinning in His body, mind or heart) He well knows how to cleanse us spiritually too, so we can fulfill our commission to Him to take the gospel forth to the world by using the gift(s) He gives us. That's why Romans says...

25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 8:25-28

The word 'infirmities' in verse 26 is the Greek word *astheneia* (#769) and it means: *feebleness* (of mind or body); by implication, *malady; morally, frailty*. And it comes from a word that means: *strengthless* (#722 *asthenes*). While we've all got faults and weaknesses, the Holy Spirit knows how to help us with them. So long as we remain faithful to Jesus Christ (the Word of God) the Holy Spirit *will always* help to cleanse *and* strengthen us *spiritually* (and physical when we need it) because we serve Him. That's why all things work to the good of those who love God, to those who are called to serve Jesus Christ - which means *everyone* who accepts Jesus Christ is to serve Him by using whatever gift(s) He gives you (Mth 25:14-30). This truly does make a difference in the world, even if you don't yet see it.

So, God's Words are pure and David likens them to silver that's tried in a furnace of earth seven times. Of course, seven in Biblical Numerics [<https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/960>] means *Completeness, Spiritual Perfection*. And, as we've learned, metals like gold and silver are purified by putting fire to them so the slag (dross, the useless junk in them) burn off. So, the point is: ***there is no useless junk in God's Word***, as it is written...

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Tim 3:16-17

This is why we can have confidence when studying God's Word. It will *never* lead us astray or give us bad advice. So long as we stick to God's Word – and not the traditions of man or perverted translations – we'll always get good advice from the Bible. As these scriptures point out, all of God's Word is profitable to us; that means both the Old and New Testaments are profitable to study. They *both* help us be 'spiritually furnished' so we know how to do what's right. Moses also pointed out, in Deut 10:13, that God's Word (Laws) are given to us *for our good*. IF we would just obey them, we'd be getting national blessings instead of cursings. But thankfully, even if our nation is going astray (as they are today) we can personally be blessed (and strengthened) if we cleave to God through Jesus Christ.

Now, amongst all the horrors that we see, it's a natural question to wonder "what can I do". The answer is simple: ***we are to keep God's Laws insofar as it is possible for the individual to comply with its requirements***. In other words, we must first 'take dominion' over our *own* life (clean our heart and mind and 'write' God's Word into them so we *willingly* obey His Word *and* His Holy Spirit) and then the Holy Spirit will show us how to use our gift(s) to take His Word forth to help change the hearts of His children - for this is the *only way* the 'Law of the Lord' (God's Word, Laws) will ever become the "Law of the Land" (which will truly only happen when Jesus Christ returns). And even though we know we're past the point of our governments ever being 'fixed', we are still to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a witness for our Heavenly Father (and Savior, Jesus Christ), so that as many of His children as possible have a chance to repent before Jesus Christ comes back to pour out God's Wrath. *This is what the prophets throughout thousands of years have done*. They themselves worked hard to obey (from the heart) God's Word and called others to do the same. That is our duty even yet today.

And further to this, it is also befitting to pray to God about the wickedness in the world, as David so often did. We can also look at other examples from the Bible from people such as Ezekiel, Daniel Ezra and Nehemiah (ect.), who also prayed for their nation. They humbled themselves, fasted and prayed often. They also confessed to Him about the wickedness of their nation and prayed for His mercy. They mourned over sin – their own sin (no self-righteous attitude) the sin of their family, the sin of their people. They confessed these things before God in humility and didn't mince words – they knew their nation had been acting wickedly. And so it is for us today

too, not only "study to show ourselves approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15), but also to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

It is up to us, and us alone. The time is short and it is close the time for harvest (Jesus' return). We are to 'be about our Father's business', and that means *bringing in the sheep*. It is obvious our lukewarm pulpits have failed, but *we* can be ambassadors for Christ. *We* can help change our nation (at least in part) by sharing God's precious word (the Gospel of Jesus Christ), which is the *only* thing that changes the hearts of the people and is truly are duty to Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:16-20). Thus, when we serve Jesus Christ, by helping others to come to Him, we're doing 'our part' to help our countrymen (and those around the world) to return to the *only one* who can save their souls and truly bring in 'world peace'. And this is because, God's Word is indeed pure as silver tried (tested and purified) in a furnace seven times. Again, seven in Biblical Numerics means: *Completeness, Spiritual Perfection*. As Psalms 19 declares: God's Word does make us spiritually complete because it furnishes us with the mindset (the Mind of Christ) that produces good 'fruit' (actions) by changing us from the 'inside out'. We are 'complete in him' (Col 2:10) when we have His Words and His Holy Spirit within us.

20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.
Luke 17:20-21

Jesus obviously wasn't saying the Kingdom of God was within the wicked men who were speaking to Him; but rather, He was saying the Kingdom of God was among them because the King of kings and High Priest Himself was standing right in front of them. And further, the Kingdom of God would soon be within the souls of those who would accept Him as the Messiah. Why? Because the Kingdom of God is wherever He is, right? Yes, of course. So, when His Holy Spirit is within us, wouldn't that mean the Kingdom has come to us personally? Yes, indeed. That's why the Word says we are His Temple when His Words and Holy Spirit are in us (1 Cor 3:16, 5:19, 2 Cor 6:16). And why is it the Kingdom of God comes without 'observation'? The word '**observation**' here is *parateresis* (#3907), which means: *inspection*, i.e. *ocular evidence*. It comes from the word *paratereo* (#3906), which means: *to inspect alongside*, i.e. *note insidiously or scrupulously*. In other words, the Kingdom of God does not come from hostile watching. Why? ***Because the government of God (the Body of Christ) is being formed within the hearts and minds of God's children and no one can physically see this happening for it is a spiritual change in the soul of each person who sincerely accepts Jesus Christ.*** And this is why it's so important to understand that God's Words are pure; they are what clean us and change us into a 'new person' who willingly obeys God's Words. And that is the kind of person who will reign with Jesus Christ when He returns. So, while the wicked bend their wicked tongues and 'puff' at us (to try and deceive His children) *they cannot stop the Kingdom of God from coming* because it's already being formed *inside of us* and will soon be put into action when Jesus Christ returns. This is why David goes on to say...

Palm 12

*7 Thou shalt **keep** them, O LORD, thou shalt **preserve** them from this generation **for ever**.*

David is referring to those who are godly; the people who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and work to put off the ‘old man’ (Rom 6:6, Eph 4:22, Col 3:9, Luke 9:23) and put on the ‘new man’ (Eph 4:24, Col 2:10) by studying God’s Word and allowing the Holy Spirit to help them change *inside* their heart (desires, emotions and intentions) and mind (thought process). They strive daily to kick out negative and sinful thoughts, desires, emotions and intentions. And this has an impact, for the good, to those around them (as a light shines and brightens the room it’s in – Mth 5:15-16). So, David points out that the Lord (YHVH) will ‘keep’ and ‘preserve’ them from his time onward – *forever*. There’re several critical words to understand here. First off, the word ‘**keep**’ is *shamar* (#8104), it’s a primitive root that means: **to hedge about** (as with thorns), i.e. **guard**; generally, **to protect, attend to**, etc. This word is used a lot in the Old Testament and often translated as ‘take heed’, ‘keep’, ‘observe’, ‘preserve’ and more. [It makes are really good side study - **Take Heed and Keep It**: <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/943>]. Secondly, the word ‘**preserve**’ is *natsar* (#5341), another primitive root which means: **to guard**, in a good sense (**to protect, maintain, obey**, etc.) or a bad one (**to conceal**, etc.). So, the Lord (YHVH) will indeed protect and guard those who love and serve Him sincerely. How does He do this?

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

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

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

Ps 91:1-4

His WORD is what protects us spiritually from all the ‘arrows’ (lies and deception) that the wicked people send our way, even THE wicked one (Satan) when he’s on earthy trying to ‘woe’ the world into worshipping him (2 Thess 2, Rev 12, Daniel 11:21). But, YHVH is also able to keep us from physical harm as well. This is evidenced in all the examples we have in the Word of God (1 Cor 10:11) which show us how many times he protected people like David, Paul and the other apostles, even Jesus Christ, when they were serving Him. He did not let them die until it was their time to go. So, it will be for us as well [learn more in the special study on: **They Are Coming** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/205>]. As He said in Deut 32:43 - *Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people*. Nah 1:7 also says that, *the LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him*. And the Psalms also declares...

39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

40 And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

Ps 37:39-40

So, just because we cannot see the huge army that God has in the other dimension (2 Kings 6:17) we should know *they are there*. As the Psalms also says...

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 thee in all thy ways.***

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Ps 91:9-13

So, what do we have to fear? For *God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind* (2 Tim 1:7). And, *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death [this flesh life], I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me* (Ps 23:4). We truly have nothing to fear and we must kick the fear out of our heart by trusting in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Ps 112:7-8 says of those who have faith in God, through Jesus Christ: *He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD. His heart is established, **he shall not be afraid**, until he see his desire upon his enemies.* Truly, our Heavenly Father is able to deliver *us from every evil work, and will preserve us unto his heavenly kingdom* (2 Tim 4:18) because the *Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished* (2 Peter 2:9).

Psalm 12

8 The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

Even though the wicked walk ‘on every side’ (all around us) when the vilest of men are exalted to high places in the government, and other institutions of society, God is able to protect us and we must never forget that. As Prov 26:10 says, *the great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors*. ‘Reward’ in their case means punishments. So, it doesn’t matter how much we’re persecuted by the media, our own government, or even Churches - when we speak the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ - our Savior always protects us because *he cannot deny himself* (2 Tim 2:13). These are promises from God Almighty Himself and we know they are true because *every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him* (Prov 30:5). And in His Word, **He promises** to protect those that remain faithful to Him; therefore, He WILL do it.

Now, this Psalm ends with the subtitle: ‘*To the chief Musician*’, which of course means: ‘to He that has the victory’ or ‘to He that gives the victory’ – which is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He indeed has the victory over all the wicked (even when they surround us) and gives the victory to all who trust in Him *because they are faithful to Him*...

23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

*24 **Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,** all ye that hope in the LORD.*

Ps 31:23-24

AMEN.