I am always **PROTECTED** in Christ (Part I)

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INTRODUCTION - PROTECTION

- We are talking about PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL Protection.
 - Protection from accidents and harm on us physically as well as protection from the schemes of the evil one.
- These schemes also direct the accidents to harm us.

2 Qualifications :-

1. Martyrdom

2. What happened to other people - we do not know (all the reasons) Nothing Happens by Chance! Everything happens according to Laws and Principles of Life

PRINCIPLES OF PROTECTION

Experiences alone can never be criteria for truth Principles and Truths must come only from God's Word

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Our <u>Abiding Relationship</u> with the Lord is <u>Strengthened</u> by ongoing :-

(i) Hearing and Applying the Word of Faith.

(ii) Developing our **Prayer** Communion.

(iii) **Deepening** our Altar of Thanksgiving, Praise and Worship

The Basis of our Protection is to (B) be under the <u>Blood of Christ</u>.

This speaks of everything the Lord Jesus has done for us by **His Death** and **Resurrection**

We are protected by knowing and understanding our position in Christ.

This knowing and understanding comes from a Current Relationship with Him.

In OT, Exodus 12:1 - 7, the Blood of a Lamb was **smeared** on the door post of a house. Everybody in that house were protected from the destroyer. The neighbors could come under the covering of that house.

Exodus 12:23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

Job 1:10 Have you not made a <u>hedge around him,</u> <u>around</u> his household, and <u>around</u> all that he has on every side? You have <u>blessed</u> the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.

Job 1:5

So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did regularly.

The Lord's Supper

Proclaiming the LORD'S DEATH

1 Corinthians 11:26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

> "Proclaim the Lord's Death" to man [+ self] and the spirit world

Colossians 2:14 – 15 ¹⁴having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ¹⁵Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Hebrews 2:14 – 15

¹⁴In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that <u>through death</u> He might <u>destroy</u> <u>him who had the power of death</u>. That is, the devil, ¹⁵and <u>release</u> those who through <u>fear of death</u> were all their lifetime subject to <u>bondage</u>.

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2. The devil **CANNOT** harm / touch me

1 John 5:18

We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and <u>the wicked one does not touch him</u>.

The evil one **CANNOT** touch / harm us

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give you the <u>authority</u> to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over <u>all</u> the power of the enemy, and <u>nothing shall by any means hurt you</u>.

How about JOB and Satan's Attacks ?

- There were grounds and God allowed ...
- Luke 22:31 32 re Peter ... Permission needed
- Prior to Christ's Death and Resurrection,
 Satan had access to God's Throne
- <u>After</u> Christ's Death and Resurrection,
 Satan had <u>NO more access</u> to God

How about JOB and Satan's Attacks ?

Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.

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3. Know the **SCHEMES** of the evil one

John 10:10a The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. Do not be <u>IGNORANT</u> of the <u>SCHEMES</u> of the evil one.

2 Corinthians 2:11

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are **not ignorant of his devices**.

Do not be **IGNORANT** of the devices of the evil one

How does the evil one **STEAL, KILL and DESTROY**? John 10:10a

This is primarily by :-(i) His **DECEPTION**

via lies, half truths, placing doubts on God's Word, distorting the truth, causing us to fear, etc.

John 8:44b ... When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for <u>he is a liar</u> and the <u>father of lies</u>.

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about <u>like a roaring lion</u>, seeking whom he may devour.

This is primarily by :-(ii) **ACCUSATIONS**

Revelation 12:10 ... for the <u>accuser</u> of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

This is primarily by :-(iii) **CONDEMNATION**

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now <u>no condemnation</u> to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Principles of Protection :

1. The Basis of our Protection is to (A) ABIDE with God and (B) be under the **BLOOD OF CHRIST** 2. The devil CANNOT harm / touch me 3. Know the SCHEMES of the evil one Know that God **CANNOT** intervene or help 4. me until I **PRAY**. (Protection is not automatic)

The Lord Jesus Himself prayed for our protection from the evil one.

Matthew 6:13 ... but deliver us from the evil one.

<u>John 17:15</u>

I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should <u>keep them from the evil one.</u>

Pray for the Hedge of Protection from :-

Thieves		Danger		Mishaps
Harm	Robbers		٦	Trespassers
Accidents		Intruders		Injuries
Wicked & Evil People and Influence				
Anything and everything that is not :				
of the Word of God by the Will of God				
or according to the Ways of God				

Why do we PRAY?

Because Protection is not automatic !
 We must not be presumptuous !

 Because God has given earth to Man i.e. our lives here, our circumstances and situations, everything under our responsibility.

God wants us to exercise authority and dominion to reign in life.

Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; but <u>the earth He has given to</u> the children of <u>men</u>.

Genesis 1:26

²⁶Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; <u>let them have dominion</u> over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Matthew 6:10 Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. **Matthew 16:19** And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Hence, since God has given earth to man, He does not unilaterally intervene in the affairs of man on earth

He will only do so as His people prays ! This is because He is Just and Righteous ! His **WORD** is **LAW** ! Even to Himself ! Our Prayers lay the tracks on which the train of God's Grace [e.g.: of protection] and help runs. - Watchman Nee -

Our Prayers are earthly license for heavenly intervention - Dr Myles Munroe -

God never violates the will of the person ! We must live in total dependence on the LORD !

CONCLUSION

Psalm 91:14 - 16

¹⁴"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will <u>deliver</u> him; I will set him on high, because he has <u>known My Name</u>. ¹⁵He shall <u>call upon Me</u>, and I will <u>answer</u> him; I will <u>be with him in trouble</u>; I will <u>deliver</u> him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."