

God's Protection in the Disasters of Life

- **Psalm 91:2-7, 9-12 & 14-15** "I will say of the Lord, He is my REFUGE and my FORTRESS: my God, in Him will I trust. Surely He shall DELIVER you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. YOU SHALL NOT BE AFRAID of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand shall fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR YOU." "Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation, NO EVIL SHALL BEFALL YOU, neither shall any plague come near your dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over you, to KEEP you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone." "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I WILL DELIVER HIM; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I WILL ANSWER HIM, I will be with him in trouble; I will DELIVER HIM, and honor him."
- **Psalm 34:4, 6-7 & 19-20** "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and DELIVERED ME from ALL MY FEARS. This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, and SAVED HIM OUT OF ALL HIS TROUBLES." "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those that fear Him, and DELIVERS THEM." "Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but THE LORD DELIVERS HIM OUT OF THEM ALL. He guards all his bones; not one of them is broken."
- **Isaiah 54:15b & 17** "...whosoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake. No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and 'their righteousness is of Me', says the Lord."
- **Hebrews 13:5-6** "...He Himself has said, 'I will NEVER LEAVE YOU, nor FORSAKE YOU', so that we may boldly say, 'The Lord is my HELPER, and I will NOT FEAR what man shall do to me.'"
- **II Chronicles 16:9** "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to SHOW HIMSELF STRONG in the behalf of them whose heart is completely His."
- **John 10:10-11** "The thief comes not except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have LIFE, and that THEY MIGHT HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY. I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep."
- **Luke 10:19** "Behold, I give YOU the AUTHORITY to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over ALL the power of the enemy, and NOTHING shall by any means hurt you."
- **Isaiah 43:1-2** ".....Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you."
- **Daniel 3:17 & 27** "...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and HE WILL DELIVER US..." "...these men, upon whose bodies THE FIRE HAD NO POWER, nor was an hair of their head singed...."
- **Isaiah 43:15-16** "I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters."
- **Isaiah 59:19** "...When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."
- **Mark 4:37-40** "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship so that it was now full. And He (Jesus) was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow; and they awoke Him and said to Him, 'Master, do you not care that we are perishing?' And He arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, 'Peace, be

still!' and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. and He said to them, **'Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?'**"

- **John 14:12** "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, **the WORKS that I do he will do also**; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

I heard the greatest testimony on the radio this morning, on Dr. Dobson's "Focus on the Family". It was the testimony of a pastor who survived the tsunami in Sri Lanka. He, his wife and child, and all 28 orphans from their orphanage got away by a pure miracle of God, although their church and the orphanage were totally destroyed. They had no real warning, until his wife shouted, "The sea is coming! The sea is coming!" and they saw a 20-foot-high wall of water coming at them. He said it was a miracle that they got all the orphans together so fast, and he told everyone to run for their boat. Then, it was the provision of God that the outboard motor was still on the boat, when they usually would take it off at night. Then, as the huge wave was coming towards them, he remembered the Scripture in Isaiah 59:19, "When the enemy shall come in like a FLOOD, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him." He said there was nothing more demonic or diabolical than that tsunami, so it definitely was "the enemy" coming at them. They were in the boat, and the tsunami was coming at them, so he stood up and said, "On the basis of the Scripture which says, 'When the enemy shall come in like a FLOOD, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him,' in the name of Jesus, I command you to stop!" He said the wave stood there as if something was holding it back. They got away in the boat, but soon realized, that they would need to get up on top of the wave in order to get out of its destructive path altogether. He turned the boat around, and came up somehow around it, but couldn't get up the wave, because it was at a 45% angle, and the boat engine didn't have enough power. He again cried out to God, and said, "In the name of Jesus, go!" and they were lifted up and over the wave, and came down safely.

Let this be an example and a lesson to us in how to use the word of God in times of severe trouble and disaster. Let it be a lesson to us to memorize God's word, because if we don't have His word down in our hearts, how can the Holy Spirit bring it up to our memory during times of stress, when we are not likely to have a Bible or concordance, or the time to look up any verses? Jesus asked His disciples in Mark 4:37-40, **"Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?"** He would not have said that to the disciples if it weren't possible for them to have done the same thing that He did in speaking to the wind and waves. We, as believers in Jesus Christ, have the right and the authority to use the name of Jesus, and to use the sword of the Spirit, the word of God in every dangerous, stressful, fearful situation out there in the world. Psalm 103:20 says, "Bless the Lord, you His ANGELS, that excel (are mighty) in strength, **who perform His commandments, hearkening unto (obeying) the voice of His word!**" Evidently, God's angels are like the U.S. Marines, in that they are "Looking for a few good men", or in other words, they are waiting to hear us speak the word of God and cry out to Him in the name of Jesus, and then they go into action on our behalf.

- **Hebrews 1:14** "Are they (angels) not all ministering SPIRITS, sent forth to render service on behalf of those who will inherit salvation?"