

## OUR SOURCE & SHIELD

No Plague Comes Nigh Thy Dwelling

### I. We govern our lives by this Word

- A. To live by the Word is to govern your life according to this Word-Mt4:4-It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God
1. This word is right-Ps33:4-For the Word of the Lord is right
  2. This word is perfect-Ps19:7-The law of the Lord is perfect; TPT-God's Word is perfect in every way
  3. This is the inspired Word of God-2Tm3:16-All scripture is given by inspiration of God
  4. This word is our highest authority and final authority on all matters-What it says is right, what it says is what we submit to, it's what we believe, it's what we say; We govern our lives by this Word, we build our lives on this Word
  5. In a time of pressure Jesus responded to the enemy with the written word of God-It is written
- B. We live by the Word trusting that this Word will sustain you whatever may come-Our lives are sustained by the Word of God; The way we are kept, the way we are sustained is by governing our lives by the Word of God
- ***Dt8:1-15-All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. <sup>4</sup>Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. <sup>6</sup>Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. <sup>7</sup>For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; <sup>8</sup>A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; <sup>9</sup>A land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. <sup>10</sup>When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. <sup>11</sup>Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: <sup>12</sup>Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; <sup>13</sup>And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; <sup>14</sup>Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; <sup>15</sup>Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint;***
1. 1-If you'll govern your lives by this word you'll live, multiply, and go in and possess the land
  2. 3-His Word sustains-He wants them to know it's His word that sustains & keeps them not natural things
  3. 6-11-Believing and heeding these words got them into the good land and He said don't forget it
- C. These words are life to us in any situation-By attending to these words, listening to these words, looking at these words we can experience life-Pr4:20-24-My son attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings <sup>21</sup>Let them not depart from your eyes keep them in the midst of thine heart <sup>22</sup>For they are life unto those that find them and health to all their flesh.<sup>23</sup> Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
1. The single most important thing your life-It's the Words you believe, act on and give your attention to
  2. Block out the noise-The word is all that matters; We should be thinking on, listening to, looking at speaking these words

D. How we live-We meditate on these Words, believe these words, speak these words and act like they are true and this is how we live, this is how we win, this is how we're kept, sustained, prosper and have success

1. **Josh1:8**-*This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shalt meditate therein day and night; that thou mayest observe to do according to all that's written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success*

E. We are dependent upon this Word-One definition of "live" says the way a horse lives on hay, we live on the Word; When your dependence on the Word becomes a revelation to you, you'll run to this word, feed on this Word, act on this Word, speak this word, believe this word

1. What does the Word say about that?-As we encounter situations in your lives we need to make this our practice and mode of operation; We run to The Word, we cling to The Word and we ask all the time what does the Word have to say about this and then we believe the word, speak the Word, act on the Word and that's how we live

2. The Word is how we get free-You can't continue in the Word if you don't start in the Word and the truth you don't know can't make you free-**Jn8:31**-*If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*

3. Apart from the Word the man doesn't stand a chance in this life-Apart from believing these words, speaking these words and acting on these words man doesn't stand a chance in this life

## II. What does the Word say about plagues? Until we know that the Word says we don't know what to believe and what to say

A. God will deliver us and it won't come nigh us

▪ **Ps91:1-16**-*1He 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 (certainly) he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler (bait-layer, hunter), 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.5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.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 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.14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*

1. (3) Surely God will deliver you-Noisome pestilence-H1698-(In the sense of destroying); a pestilence, plague; W1828-An acute, malignant and contagious disease that at times infected larges cities with frightful mortality; Noisome-H1942-Calamity, perverse thing, engulfing ruin

2. (7) It may be affecting many people around you, but it won't come near you

3. (10) No evil befall you, neither shall any plague come nigh they dwelling

B. We are redeemed from plagues and sickness and disease of every kind

1. We are redeemed, but from what?-From hell? From sin? Yes, but this is talking specifically about the curse of the law, the curse that came from violating the law-**Gal3:13**-*Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on the tree*

a. Whatever you're redeemed from Satan has no legal right to put on you – You better find out what you're redeemed from

2. That curse includes plagues and sickness and disease of every kind-**Dt28:15**-*But it shall come to pass, if you will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command this day; that all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you* 21 *The Lord shall make pestilence cleave unto you, until he have consumed you from off the land, whither you go to possess it* 59 *The Lord will make your plagues wonderful, and the plagues of your seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sickness, and of long continuance* 60 *Moreover heh will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.* 61 *Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, with will the Lord bring upon you, until you be destroyed*
3. You can't curse what God has blessed and you can't put that on me
  - a. Paul new who he was-Many believers don't know who they are and so spiritually they accept things in their lives that legally the enemy has no right to do to them-**Ac22:24**-*The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him* 25 *And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman citizen* 26 *When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what you do: for this man is a Roman* 27 *The chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, are you a Roman? He said, yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was born free. Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: the chief captain also was afraid, after he know that he was a Roman, and because he had him bound.*
  - b. We are citizens of Heaven-We've been legally redeemed by the blood of Jesus from the curse of the law and Satan can't legally curse what God has blessed-**Ph3:20**-*For our citizenship is in heaven;* **Num23:8**-*How shall I curse, whom God has not cursed* (He tried three times)
- C. As a believer, you're not going to have what God says you're going to have what you say-God said the land was theirs (Ex33:1-3,Num13:2), but they said they can't possess it (Num13:31-14:3)-**Nm14:28**-*Say unto them, As truly as a I live, says the Lord as you have spoken in mine ears, so will I do*
  1. What you believe and what you say is what you're going to have-**Mk11:23**-*For verily I say unto that whosoever shall say unto this mountain be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says*
- D. This is what we believe and this is what we say-No plague comes near our dwelling, we are redeemed from the curse of the law
  1. Paul spoke up and you better speak up to

### III. How will it not come on us?

- A. God is our shield and He will be a shield to you-That means there's something standing between you and it-**Gn15:1**-*After these things the Word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, fear not Abram: I am your shield and your exceeding great reward;* **Ps59:11**-*Bring them down, O Lord our shield;* **Ps84:11**-*The the Lord God is a sun and shield*
  1. Hedges are real-How did he know that hedge was there?-He was looking for a way in and he kept running into that hedge; **Jb1:10**-*Hast not thou made an hedge (fence for protection) about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side*
  2. **Ps91:2**-*My refuge and fortress*-Refuge-Shelter for protection; Fortress-Defense, stronghold-**Ps91:2**
  3. God is shield for me-**Ps3:3**-*But you, O Lord, art a shield for me;* **Ps28:7**-*The Lord is my strength and my shield;* **Ps119:14**-*You are my hiding place and my shield*
  4. It's a shield of salvation-**Ps18:35**-*You have also given me the shield of your salvation (liberty, deliverance, safety, prosperity)*

5. It can bump into something-Can curses, plagues, demonic spirits and influences get ready to do something in your life but bump into something?
- B. We are kept by the power of God through faith-If we want to be shielded, kept, protected faith is a main ingredient; **1Pet1:5-KJ**-We are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time; **CJ**-Through trusting you are being protected by God's power-**NIRV**-Through faith you are kept safe by God's power
1. Shielded and faith-**Pr30:5**-Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him; **Ps115:9-11**-Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield; **Ps18:30**-As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a buckler to all them that trust him; **Pr29:25**-The fear of man brings a snare: but whoso puts his trust in the Lord shall be safe; **Ps5:11**-But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: Let them every shout for joy, because thou defends them
  2. Faith is confidence and conviction based on the Words God spoke to you
    - a. You can't have faith in God to do something he didn't say-**Rm10:17**-So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
    - b. Faith is confidence and conviction-**Hb11:1**-No faith is the substance (confidence) of things hoped, the evidence (conviction) of things not seen
  3. We are in faith that God is our shield-Ps91:2-Trust him for protection; I trust Him to be my shelter for protection, my defense; **Ps144:2**-My goodness, my fortress, my high tower, and my deliver; my shield, and he in whom I trust
  4. Faith activates God being our shield and becomes our shield-**Eph6:16**-Above all taking the shield of faith
  5. The three Hebrews were shielded-Real faith put up a real shield and that fire went to consume their flesh, but ran into something-**Is43:2**-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 burnt; neither shall the flame kindle upon you; **Dn3:17**-If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king
  6. Daniel was shielded-**Dn6:23**-So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him because he believed in His God
  7. Confidence in your shield-When you have confidence in your shield, you will not fear what's on the other side of it-**Ps91:4-6**
  8. **Kenneth E. Hagin**-I was preaching at a Full Gospel church in October 1957 when an epidemic of Asian flu hit Southern California. I picked up The Los Angeles Times and the headline said that 2 million people in Southern California had the Asian flu."The pastor of the Full Gospel church (think about it: Full Gospel—that means it's supposed to be the whole Gospel) said, "Brother Hagin, aren't you afraid you will get the Asian flu?" "No!" I said. "I don't mind telling you, I'll never have the Asian flu." And that Full Gospel pastor, with unbelief running down his face like syrup down a syrup bucket, had such great respect, such great reverence, for the devil, he whispered, "Brother Hagin, I'd be afraid to say anything like that!" I said, "Why?" He said, "Why, don't you know the devil will hear you?" He didn't know God's the Almighty One. He didn't know He's the One who is more than enough. He thought the devil is the one who is more than enough, and he's going to put the flu on them. He just whispered—knew he was in the presence of the devil. Sure the devil was there; he had been buddying up to and bedding down with that preacher for years. Here this preacher was, whispering in the devil's presence, "Don't you know the devil will hear you?" "Yeah," I said. "I wanted him to hear it. I said it for his benefit. He's the very dude I wanted to hear it!"
    - a. **Lk10:18-19**-I beheld Satan as lightning fall from Heaven. Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power fo the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you
- C. We must not. will not fear-Fear is the biggest threat to your being protected

1. The enemy spreads fear through preaching crosswise of the word-**Ps112:7**-*He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord*
    - a. You're not going to be free from fear in you feed it all day on the news and worldly stuff
  2. The enemy pushes fear so hard because it yields to Him access-**Is7:4-6**-*Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint hearted...Let us go upon against Judah and vex it, and let us make a breach there in for us*
    - a. Fear grants him access to bring his will to pass-**Mt14:30**-*He was afraid and beginning to sink*
  3. Fear is a connector to the thing you fear-**Job3:25-26**-*For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came; **Num21:5**-Wherefore have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness; **Mt14**-Peter was afraid of falling and he fell*
  4. You never have to yield to fear-**Jn14:27**-*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*
  5. Fear is not feelings, fear is a spirit-You put the spirit of fear in the ground-**2Tm1:7**-*For God has not given us the spirit of fear; **Rm8:15**-For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear*
- D. We must be led by the Spirit-Ps91:1-*To only way to abide in someone's shadow is to be close to them, following them*
1. Acknowledge the Lord-We need to be acknowledging the Lord in all our ways so that He can direct our paths-**Pr3:6**-*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths*
  2. Don't just do stuff, but be led-We must be directed about what we do, where we go, when we do
  3. The safest place on the planet-Is to be wherever the Lord has told you to be
  4. There's angelic protection to keep you in all your ways-But you're supposed to be acknowledging him and being direct by him in all your ways
    - a. **Ps103:20**-*Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of His Word*
    - b. These angels are commanded by God to protect you and if you don't deactivate their operation through your own unbelief or disobedience they will do their job
- E. You keep yourself by staying in faith and being led by the Spirit-1Jn5:18-*We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not*
1. When you do this Satan couldn't kill you if he invested all his strength into doing so-**Jn8:59**-*They took up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple going through the midst of them and so passed by*

#### IV. We have supernatural ability at our disposal

- A. Is it possible for something deadly to get in you and have no affect on you-**Mk16:18**-*They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly things it shall not hurt them*
- B. **John G. Lake**-*During that great plague that I mentioned, they sent a government ship with supplies and corps of doctors. One of the doctors sent for me, and said, "What have you been using to protect yourself? Our corps has this preventative and that, which we use as protection, but we concluded that if a man could stay on the ground as you have and keep ministering to the sick and burying the dead, you must have a secret. What is it?" I answered, "Brother that is the 'law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.' I believe that just as long as I keep my soul in contact with the living God so that His Spirit is flowing into my soul and body, that no germ will ever attach itself to me, for the Spirit of God will kill it."He asked, "Don't you think that you had better use our preventatives?" I replied, "No, but doctor I think that you would like to experiment with me. If you will go over to one of these dead people and take the foam that comes out of their lungs after death, then put it under the microscope you will see masses of living germs. You will find they are alive until a reasonable time after a man is dead. You can fill my hand with them and I will keep it under the microscope, and instead of these germs*

*remaining alive, they will die instantly.” They tried it and found it was true. They questioned, “What is that?” I replied, “That is ‘the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.’ When a man’s spirit and a man’s body are filled with the blessed presence of God, it oozes out of the pores of your flesh and kills the germs.”*

C. Job 5:22-At destruction and famine we laugh