

OUR SOURCE & SHIELD

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- I. **God is functioning in two roles in this verse: The Source and The Shield-*Ps84:11-12-For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give (distribute) grace and glory no good thing will he withhold (keep back) from them that walk uprightly 12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusts in you; Job22:25-Yea, the Almighty shall be your defence and you shall have plenty of silver***
- A. In times like these you need a supernatural source and shield-Something from which you can get you what you need and something to protect you from what's trying to destroy you
- B. Untouched by evil-With God as your source you can live in this dangerous and hostile environment on the Earth, but be untouched by the evil
1. The U.S. ambassador to a 3rd world country is going into a dangerous and hostile environment, the United States government is going to be his source and shield so he can live there, but be unaffected by what's going on there-**2Cor5:20-We are ambassadors for Christ**
- II. **God is our source**
- A. What is a source?-A source is a person, place or thing from which something comes
- B. What does it mean that God is our source?-It means that whatever we need He is the one from whom it comes; Our provision, prosperity, welfare comes from Him, He is our source
1. God promises to be our source-**Mt6:25,32-33**-*Take no thought for your life what you shall eat or what you shall drink nor yet for your body what you shall put on ³²For your heavenly father knows that you have need of all these things ³³But Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you*
 2. If it's good He's the source of it-**Js1:17**-*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights*
- C. The Lord being a sun reveals to us that God is the source-**Ps84:11-12**-*For the Lord God is a sun and shield*
1. Sun note-The sun is the source of life on this earth meaning that it provides this Earth with everything it needs to exist; Without the Sun, the Earth would be a lifeless ball of ice-coated rock. The Sun gives energy to the growing green plants that provide the food and oxygen for life on Earth.
 2. The Lord distributes grace, glory and good-Grace, glory and good come from Him, He's the source
 - a. Grace-H2580-Graciousness, that is, subjectively, (**kindness, favor**) or objectively (beauty): - favor, grace, pleasant, precious, well-favored; Glory-H3513-Properly weight; but figuratively in a good sense, splendor or copiousness (**abundance, plenty, great quantity, full supply**) – glorious, glory, honor; BDB-Abundance, **riches**, glory, honor, dignity, reputation; A.Hebrew-Someone or something that is heavy in weight, **wealth**, abundance, importance or respect; Good-H2896-Goods, good things, beautiful, best, **prosperity**, sweet, precious, **wealth**, welfare
 3. Anything that concerns your prosperity and welfare he doesn't withhold it-He doesn't without good
- D. We have a source that is bound by no limits-God can provide for us anytime and anywhere; When men can't get it to us, when natural laws says we can't get it, when experts say we can't have it, God can get it to us
1. Our source isn't limited the times in which we live-**Ps37:19-20**-*They (upright) shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied 20 But the wicked shall perish*
 2. Our source isn't limited by location-Jesus is revealing that he is the sources and that he is dependent on no one to get you what you need-**Mt14:15**-*His disciples came to him saying, This a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into villages, and buy themselves victuals*

3. Our source can get to you when man can't get to you-Mk5:25-A certain woman had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians and had spent all she had, and was nothing bettered but grew worse
 4. Our source isn't limited by natural law-1Ki17:4,6-I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening
 5. Our source isn't limited by the opinions of experts-When The Source is in the boat with you it doesn't matter what experts say-Lk5:6-When they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes
- E. Our source is God Almighty-We have an unlimited, infallible, never-failing, all-powerful source and therefore we can have whatever we need, whenever we need it independent of what's going on around us; God can get it to me in a recession, in a depression, when there's none left, when the world has no answers
1. He rained manna from Heaven-Ex16:4-Behold I will rain bread (manna) from heaven for you
 2. Water out of a rock-Ex17:6-CV-When you get to the rock of Mount Sinai I will be there with you. Strike the rock with the stick and water will put out for the people to drink. Moses did this while the leaders watched.
 3. He can make rivers in the desert-Is43:19-I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert; **Is41:18**-I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy one of Israel has created it. **Is51:3**-He will make here wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the Garden of the Lord
 4. He fed over a million people meat for a month when there was no meat to be found-Nm11:21-Moses said, The people, amongst whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and you have said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them to suffice them? And the Lord aid unto Moses, Is the Lord's hand waxed short? You shall see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not **31-ER**-Then the Lord made a powerful wind to blow in from the sea, and it blew quail into the area all around the camp. There were so many birds that the ground was covered. They were about three feet deep on the ground. There were quail in every direction as far as a man can walk in one day.

III. God is our shield – Ps84:11-12-For the Lord God is a sun and shield

- A. What is a shield?-Shield-H4043-A shield; (that is, the small one or buckler); figuratively **protector**; also scaly hide of crocodile: - armed, buckler, defense, scale, shield; From H1598-**To hedge about**, that is, (generally) **protect**: - defend; **BDB-To defend, cover, surround**; Ancient Hebrew-Garden surrounded by rock wall or edge to protect it from grazing animals; **A wall of protection**
- B. The Lord introduces himself in scripture as a shield-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
 1. I am Abraham's seed so He's my shield-Gal3:29-If you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise
 2. We see multiple references to the Lord being a shield-God knew where he was sending you and he knew you'd need to be shielded-**Ps59:11**-Bring them down, O Lord our shield; **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; **2Sa22:3**-The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior, you save me from violence; **Ps33:20**-Our soul waits for the Lord: he is our help and our shield; **Ps84:9**-Behold, O God our shield; **Ps144:2**-My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; **Ps18:2**-The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower; **Pr2:7**-He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly
- C. This is a very real shield-This shield is not imaginary or fairytale, this is a real shield and it means that there is something standing between you and the thing trying to destroy you

1. Job's hedge-**Jb1:9-10**-Satan answered the Lord and said Doth Job fear God for nothing? Hast not thou made an hedge (fence for protection) about hi, and about his house and about all that he has on every side
 - a. This was a real hedge-Satan knew it was there because he was looking for a way in and he kept running into that hedge
 - b. He's seeking whom he may devour-**1Pet5:8**-Be sober, be vigilant because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about seeking whom he may devour
 - c. He's looking to steal, kill and destroy, but he needs a way in- The devil isn't doing whatever he wants **Jn10:10**-The thief comes not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy
 - d. We can give the devil place or shut him out-**Eph4:27**-Neither give place to the devil
 - e. He's looking for access and he can run into something-
 - f. When the hedge is down the serpent bites-**Eccl10:8**-Whoso breaks an hedge, a serpent shall bite him

2. Shielded from fire-**Dn3:22**-Therefore because the kings commandment was urgent and the furnace exceedingly hot, **the flame and sparks from the fire killed those men** who handled Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. ²³ And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into **the midst of the burning fiery furnace**. ²⁴ Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king. ²⁵ He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking **in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God**. ²⁶ Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of **the most high God**, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the fire.²⁷ And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon **whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them**. ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that **trusted** in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.
 - a. Shield vs. No shield-How come the fire burnt the men that threw them in, but not them?
 - b. In it, but not affected by it-They are in the midst of a burning fiery furnace, but unaffected by it
 - c. That fire ran into something-If fire hits flesh, flesh burns; The fire never touched their flesh
 - d. The shield was in the fire with them-The fourth man was in the fiery furnace

3. That wicked one touches him not-**1Jn5:18**-We know that whosoever is born of God sins not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself and that wicked one touches him not
 - a. Why isn't he touching you?-Is it because he doesn't want to? No it's because he can't
 - b. Stuff can bump into something-Curses, plagues, demonic spirits can run into something

4. How can it be that it's affecting everyone around you, but not you?-There's something standing between you and it that's not standing between it and them-**Ps91:1-16**-⁴He 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; ⁶Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.⁷A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

IV. We have no fear no matter what comes because we have a source and shield

- **Ps46:1**-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (tightness, adversity, affliction, anguish, tribulation).²**Therefore** will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;³Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.⁴There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.⁶The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted.⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth.⁹He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

A. This Psalm is set in a time of trouble-The earth is spinning out of control

B. In times of chaos and turmoil it's possible to have no fear-**Ps46:2-MSG**-We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom; **VO**-No fear, no pacing, no biting fingernails. When the earth spins out of control, we are sure and fearless. When mountains crumble and the waters run wild, we are sure and fearless. Even in heavy winds and huge waves or as mountains shake we are sure and fearless; **TPT**-We will never fear even if every structure of support were to crumble away

C. What allows for this fearlessness?-A working revelation of God as your source and shield

1. God is our refuge, strength & help-*Refuge-H4268*-A shelter for protection from danger; *Strength-H5797*-Security, stronghold; *Help-H5833*-Aid: - Help; *From H5826*-To surround, that is protect or aid

a. If you have a shield-You don't have to fear anything that comes to destroy you; The coronavirus might be here, but I have a shield

2. There is a river-The source-**Ps46:4-TPT**-God has a constantly flowing river whose sparkling streams bring joy and delight to his people. His river flows right through the city of God Most High, into his holy dwelling places. God is in the midst of his city, secure and never shaken. At daybreak his help will be seen with the appearing of the dawn.

a. If you have a source-You don't have to fear lacking anything you need; Economic downturn might be coming, but I have I source

D. Chaos in the world, but joy in the family of God-Because we have a source and shield they don't have

1. The heathen rage-Heathen-People without God; Raged-Great commotion, disquieted, tumult, troubled

2. She shall not be moved (waver, slip, totter, shake)-This is the people of God, the church of God

E. The Lord of Hosts-Why in the middle of this chaotic time does He say the Lord of Hosts is with us?

1. What is the Lord of Hosts?-The Lord of Hosts is The God of angelic armies

2. He's given those angels charge over you-**Ps91:11**-For He has given his angels charge (command) over you to keep (hedge about, protect) you in all your ways

3. Those angels excel in strength and do what God says-**Ps103:20**-Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening to the voice of his word.

F. The God Of Jacob-Why in the middle of this chaotic time does He reference the God of Jacob?

1. Jacob's journey-Jacob stole Esau's birthright and so Esau wanted to kill him and so he was fleeing to Laban's house. This was a 400 mile journey. He could perish a thousand times a thousand different ways over. He could be killed by a lion, by evil people, by sickness. Laban cheats him. Esau hates him.

2. Jacob is speaking of a source and shield-**Gen28:15,20**-Behold I am with you, and will keep you in all places whither you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that

which I have spoken to you of. 20 If God will be with me, and will keep me, in this way I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on

3. Jacob made it through it all-A lion didn't eat him, a disease didn't take him out; He made it through Laban's treatment, through Esau's hatred, through every economical downturn, through every plague and here he stands as an old man and says God was my shield, God was my source and I've made it all the way-
Gen48:15-16-*He blessed Joseph, and said, god, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the god which fed (watch, guard, take care of) me all my life long unto this day 16AMP The redeeming Angel who has redeemed me continually from every evil*

V. NOTES

A. Shield

1. Mt8:3-Jesus put forth his hand and touched the him (the leper) saying I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed
2. Ex12:13-The plague saw that blood
3. You don't have to fear that which you're shielded from
4. Pr19:23-Shall not be visited with evil
5. **Ps18:35**-*You have also given me the shield of your salvation (liberty, deliverance, safety, prosperity)*
6. **Ps91:2**-My refuge and fortress-Refuge-Shelter for protection; Fortress-Defense, stronghold-**Ps91:2**
7. In this Earth you need a shield
8. John 17:17
9. Trouble-H6869-Tightness (that is, figuratively trouble); transitively a female rival: - adversary, adversity, affliction, anguish, tribulation, trouble
- 10.