

OUR SOURCE & SHIELD

Connect To Your Source & Activate Your Shield

Intro: God is our source and He is our shield. He can provide for us no matter what's going on around us. He can protect us from anything that tries to destroy us. How do we see Him be our source and shield in our lives? Do we have a part to play in him being our source and shield? If so what is our part?

I. **Ps84:12-What you believe, your faith is a major factor in whether or not your sourced and shielded**

- A. In being shielded it matters what you believe matters: Your faith matters-Faith can keep you shielded, unbelief can keep you from being shielded-**Pr29:25**-*The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust (confident, sure, bold, careless) in the LORD shall be safe (lofty, inaccessible, on high).*
1. This is a specific individual who is safe-It's the person who trusts God; Not everybody, not every Christian
 2. If you don't trust the Lord will you be safe anyway?-The answer is no you will not be
 3. The Bible is not real enough to people-Is this true? Is this real?
 4. God is a shield to those who trust Him and to those that don't He is not-**Pr30:5**-*He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him; **Ps18:30**-He is a buckler to all those that trust in him **Ps115:9**-Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield*
 - a. Where's all the scriptures where God shields people who don't trust Him?
 5. Everybody is not going to be saved and delivered from their enemies-**Ps17:7**-*Shew thy marvelous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them; **Ps37:40**-And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.*
- B. In being provided for, in God being your source what you believe it matters, your faith matters-**Pr28:25**-*He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat (satisfy, become prosperous)*
1. This is a specific individual who is made fat-The person who trusts God; Not everybody or every Christian; We're talking specifically about the person who puts their trust in the Lord being made fat
 2. If you don't trust the Lord will you be made fat anyway?-The answer is no you will not be
 3. You'll be fed, provided for if you trust-What if you worry and don't trust or you going to be fed anyway? **Ps37:3**-*Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed*
 4. The ones who trust will be abundantly satisfied-**Ps36:7**-*How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.*
- C. Being shielded and sourced, protected and provided for is according to your faith-Not according to what God wants or what you want, but in accordance with and in proportion to what you believe/your faith-**Rm4:16, Hb6:12**
1. God being your source and shield is that affected by what you believe
 2. Some will be sourced and protected, some won't because some will trust and others won't-**Hb4:2**-*For unto us was the gospel preached as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
 3. God is being a source and shield for those who trust are actively trusting Him

II. **Faith hooks me to my source-Without faith there is no connection**

- A. Faith is the hook, it's the connector, it's the bridge between me and God-God can want to be your source, but without faith there no channel, no connection, no way for Him to get to you what he can supply
1. Faith is the channel, the thing that connects me to God-If something comes from God to me through faith that makes faith the channel that connects me to God; **Hb11:11**-*Through faith also Sara herself received strength (power, ability) to conceive seed, and was delivered a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised*
 - a. Through-By means of, by agency of, nothing passage; Channel-That through which anything passes; means of passing, conveying or transmitting
 - b. She didn't have the ability to have a child, but God did and faith hooked her God and then through her faith came the ability from God to have a child when it was impossible for that to happen
 2. Saved through faith-You had no grace, no salvation, couldn't save yourself, but God did have grace, salvation and He could save you; Faith hooked us to God and then through that faith came the grace and salvation; **Eph2:8**-*By Grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*
 3. Healing through faith-She had no healing, tried to get healed every which way and couldn't, but God could heal her and faith hooked her to Him and then through that faith came the power of God and it healed her body; **Mk5:34**-*And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith has made thee whole*
 4. Through faith in his name-It wasn't just his name, but it was through faith in the name; The name is more than enough to heal anyone, but you have to hook to the power of that name and faith hooked him to it and then through his faith the power of the name came and touched his body and this man that never walked was leaping; **Acts3:16**-*And his name through faith in his name has made this man strong*
- B. Being hooked to God I can flourish in any environment because of the one I'm hooked to-**Jer17:5-7**-*Thus says the Lord; Cursed by the man that trust in man, and makes flesh his arm and whose heart departs from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good comes; but shall inhabit parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusts (sure, bold, confident) in the Lord,] and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters and that spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit*
1. This tree is hooked to the river-It's not relying on the right climate or the right amount of rain fall, it has another source that enables it to get results independent of what's happening around it
 2. Who you're hooked to determines the results you can get-Whoever you put your faith in, you are hooked to and whoever you are hooked to determines the results you can experience
 3. Faith in God makes me like this tree-Faith in God hooks me to God and being hooked to God I can flourish in any environment, I can get results the world can't get, I can be unaffected by things affecting others
 4. When you get in faith what's happening around you no longer matters-Faith in God makes irrelevant my circumstances and enables me to prosper in spite of them because it hooks me to the Almighty God; Fear, doubt and unbelief puts me at the mercy of my circumstances
 5. Faith empowers you to prosper because it hooks you to God-**Ps40:4**-*Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust; Ps34:8*-*O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him; Ps84:12*-*O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.*
- C. Faith In God specifically that you'll have an abundance of provision-Not general and generic faith
- D. Unbelief unhooks you from your source an keeps you from the provision you need
1. Our provision is by grace through faith-**2Cor9:8**-*And God is able to make all grace abound towards you; that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work*

2. Worry and unbelief keeps your needs from being met-Why He was so adamant about not worrying-Mt6:25

III. Faith activates my shield – Without faith there is no shield

- A. Our shield has to be activated and faith is the activation button-**Pr30:5**-He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him; **Ps18:30**-He is a buckler to all those that trust in him **Ps115:9**-Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; he is their help and their shield
- B. In him will I trust activated the shield-After the activation button was pushed the shield went up and the stuff couldn't touch him -**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 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.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. This is specific faith for protection-What is He trusting God for? What's is he trusting God about? It's faith that he is my shield, he will shield me, it won't come near me
 2. You have to turn that shield on-That system can be ready and in place but you have to turn it on
- C. Faith is our shield and if you get out of you have no shield-**Eph6:16**-Above all taking the shield of faith
1. We're shielded through faith-**1Pet1:5-KJ**-We are kept by the power of God through faith; **CJ**-Through trusting you are being protected by God's power-**NIRV**-Through faith you are kept safe by God's power
 2. Fear deactivates our shield-**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; **Jb3:25**-For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.
 3. Fear and faith is all about yielding-Whoever you yield to you give access to: Faith in God is yielding to Him, this gives Him access into your life and when He has access He'll come in a shield you from anything that tries to destroy you; Fear is yielding to the enemy, this gives him access into your life and when He has access into your life he'll steal, kill and destroy
- D. Real faith activated this real shield-**Dan3:13**-Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴ Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them, Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, do not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵ Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.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 thine hand, O king.¹⁸ But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.
1. Their faith (confidence & conviction) was based on the Word-What's the basis for their belief that they won't be hurt by this fire?-**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 thee