

SAFE: God Wants You Safe

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: I want them to know there's safety in me, there's security in me, and if they'll trust me everything is going to be All-Right

I. What does it mean to be safe? (Proverbs 29:25)

- A. 1) Safety means to be free from danger of any kind
 - 1. Safety means to be free from hurt, injury or damage in every area of your life
 - a. Free from damage in your spirit, soul, body, relationships and finances
 - 2. Safe-H7965-**Shalom**; Safety encompasses every area of your life
 - a. Safety for your spirit, your soul, your body, your relationships and your finances
 - b. Safe from enemies; safe from disease; safe from poverty; safe from the failure; safe from tragedy
- B. 2) Safety means that you're not exposed to danger
 - 1. Safe-G1295-To preserve **through** danger, to bring safely **through**
 - a. The idea is that you went through something dangerous, but were preserved
 - b. That means danger is out there, but when you're safe you're not vulnerable to it
 - 2. While you're in an Earth full of danger, you're going to be preserved, brought safely through, and kept from perishing
 - a. What's keeping you safe is greater than anything trying to do you harm
- C. 3) Safety means that you are secure (shut in and nothing can get through)
 - 1. Safe-G804-Firm (that which can be relied on), certain, true, **secure**
 - a. Free from danger of being taken by an enemy
 - b. The place is well-fortified & secure against attack from an enemy.
 - c. Free from fear of danger; not alarmed; not disturbed by fear; confident of safety
 - 2. H7682-To be inaccessibly high, To be (too) high (for capture), To be high (of prosperity), To be set on high, be (safely) set on high
 - a. Ephesians 1:19, 2:6-You are inaccessibly high for the enemy; don't come down
 - 3. H983-Security, safety, securely, assurance, boldness, carelessly, confident
 - a. Birthed out of that security will come assurance, boldness, carelessness
 - b. You can be certain it won't happen that way because you're safe from that
- D. 4) Safety means while we live in a world full of the curse we can safe from the curse
 - 1. I'm not going to fail I'm safe from failure; I'm not going to live in lack I'm safe from lack; There's protection and safety from those things

II. God's always wanted His people safe; it was never the plan of God that His people partake of the evil that's going on in the world, but it was His plan that they be separated from it

A. Ezekiel 34:25-28-The covenant of Safety

1. 25-It's a covenant of Shalom that includes safety
2. 25-They're going to dwell safely in the wilderness, a dangerous place
 - a. You can be safe in an unsafe place
3. 25-Sleep-Safety & rest always go together; when you believe you're safe you'll rest
4. 28-We'll no more be a prey to Satan and his devices
5. 28-You can't put fear on a man who knows he's safe

B. Safe Scriptures

1. 1 Samuel 12:11-And **the LORD** sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.
2. Deuteronomy 12:10-But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* **he giveth you** rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;
3. Job 5:11-To set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety.
4. Ps 4:8-I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for **thou, LORD, only** makest me dwell in safety.
5. Psalm 12:5-For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; **I will** set *him* in safety *from him that* puffeth at him.
6. Jeremiah 23:6-**In his days** Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Galatians 3:29-I'm Abraham's seed and an heir of this promise)
7. Ezekiel 38:8-After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and is* gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and **they shall dwell safely all of them.**
8. Zechariah 14:11-And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

C. Romans 10:6-15-The Gospel of peace/safety

III. God wants us safe

A. John 17:1-18-"Safe" is God's will for your life

1. 4-Get the picture: He's finished & he's saying a "final" prayer to the Father
 - a. 20-He's praying for them & us
 - b. 9-10-He has an affection for the ones he's praying for
2. 11,12-The subject here is the protection and safety of those who followed him
 - a. 11-I'm going where there is no evil, they are staying in a place full of evil
 - b. 11- He wants those that have his love and affection kept & guarded

- c. 12-When I was here I kept them, but I'm not going to be here anymore
 - 3. 13-Talking about the safety you have will cause joy to abound
 - 4. 14-We are not sent from the world; we've been sent from Heaven to the Earth and we are on assignment, the same way Jesus was (2 Corinthians 5:20)
 - a. We are ambassadors sent from a safe place to a foreign unsafe place
 - 1) EX: If the USA sends an ambassador into a foreign hostile land they send him with the protection necessary so that he can get his job done. He's safe.
 - b. 18-Jesus was sent from Heaven & He was safe (Jn 8:59, Mk 4:40, Lk 8, Mt 14)]
 - 1) Jesus sent us, the same way God sent Him
 - 2) The way of safety was available for him when he was sent, He wants it available for us when we are sent; I'm able to be safe just like he was safe
 - 3) In the Kingdom you've been sent to the Earth, but not w/o protection (Ps 34:7)
 - 5. 15-Jesus, the head of the church, is praying that you be kept from evil in the world
 - a. Evil-Bad; bad is anything that's not the Word of God b/c God & His word is good
 - b. Jesus is praying that we'd be safe in an unsafe place
 - 6. 17-This safety and protection is going to come through the Word
- B. Why is God interested in your safety?
- 1. 1) Because He loves you---Deuteronomy 33:12-**NIV**-Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders. **NLT**-The people of Benjamin are loved by the LORD and live in safety beside him He surrounds them continuously and preserves them *from every harm*. **NCV**-The Lord's loved ones will lie down in safety, because he protects them all day long. The ones he loves rest with him. **HCSB**-The LORD's beloved rests securely on Him. He shields him all day long, and he rests on His shoulders.
 - a. You are beloved of God (Romans 1:7)
 - 1) God loves you and doesn't want you harmed in anyway
 - 2) When you're spared it's evidence of God's love for you
 - 2. 2) If you're not protected from evil, you won't be able to get your assignment done
 - a. If an ambassador gets harmed he can't do what he's called to do
- C. People get mixed up about what God wants for their lives b/c of what they see happen to other people; we're not to judge what God wants for me based on what other people get, but based on what His Word says
- 1. 2 Timothy 4:18-And the Lord will deliver me from EVERY evil work
 - a. Delivered out of the mouth of lion-That's naturally "impossible"
 - b. AMP-The Lord will certainly deliver me-That's bold
 - c. AMP-Bring me safe unto his kingdom-You don't have to die in tragedy

- d. He's in prison, most of his followers left him, and no one came to his defense
 - e. Paul held their coats when they stoned Stephen, but it didn't effect his faith
2. Psalm 121:1-7-God will preserve you from all evil
 - a. You got to look to God for your safety
 - b. God protects me and he never slumbers nor sleeps
 - c. The Lord will preserve you from everything, all the time, forever
 3. Proverbs 19:23-He that fears God will not be visited with evil
 - a. Psalm 115:11-If you fear Him, you trust him, and he's your shield
 4. Luke 10:19-Nothing shall by any means hurt or harm you
 5. John 16:33-He's deprived the world of power to harm you
 - a. Knowing safe stirs up your joy
 6. 1 John 5:18-The wicked one touches him not