

SAFE: *I Am Your Shield*

FOUNDATION STATEMENT: If you're going to be safe from evil in a world full of evil you're going to have to be shielded from it

I. **God is our shield (Genesis 15:1, Galatians 3:29-I am your Shield)**

A. What is a shield?

1. **Buckler**-A kind of shield, or piece of defensive armor, anciently used in war. It was composed of wood, or wickers woven together, covered with skin or leather, fortified with plates of brass or other metal, and worn on the left arm. The middle was very useful in causing stones and darts to glance off. The buckler often was four feet long, and covered the whole body.
2. **Shield**-To cover, as with a shield; to cover from danger; to defend; to protect; to secure from assault or injury; To ward off; to defend; as clothes shield one from cold
3. Psalm 5:12-God's idea of a shield is something that surrounds

B. God is our shield

1. Psalm 3:1-8
 - a. 3-You are my shield
 - b. 5-When you know you're shielded you can rest
 - c. 6-Why? They can't get through the shield
2. Psalm 62:1-8
 - a. 2-I'm not moved by what's happening on the other side of the shield
 - b. 5-He's expecting that everything is going to be ALL-RIGHT
 - c. 6-He says it again; I'm not moved by that because I'm safe
 - d. 8-Trust Him (That's key)
 - e. 8-God is our shield of protection; SELAH
3. Psalm 32:6-10
 - a. 6-These flooding waters won't come near who and you're my shield
 - b. 7-You're my shield, u guard me from trouble, u surround me with shouts of safety
 - c. 8-A big part of living safe is receiving instruction and being led
 - d. 10-If you trust God you'll be surrounded by mercy; it's mercy that preserves you
4. Psalm 17:3-8
 - a. 4-By your word I've been kept
 - b. 7-Trust and safety
5. Psalm 27:1-6

- a. 5-In troubled times, in evil times, in bad times, in times of pain & misery you're safe; God's got you covered
- b. 6-Joy and safety together again
- 6. Psalm 31:19-20
 - a. 19-Safety reveals the great goodness of our God
 - b. 20-There's protection and safety in his presence
 - c. 23-The faithful are preserved
- 7. Scriptures-Psalm 59:8-11, 84:9-12,
 - a. Psalm 89:18-For the Lord is our defense; and the Holy One Of Israel is our king
 - b. Psalm 94:22-They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge
 - c. Psalm 119:114-You are my hiding place and my shield: I hope in your Word
 - d. Psalm 30:3-O Lord, you have brought up my soul from the grave: you have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit
 - e. Psalm 41:2-The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive
 - f. Psalm 12:7-You will keep them, O Lord, you will preserve them from this generation forever

C. The shield of salvation

- 1. 2 Samuel 22:36-This shield is one of safety, welfare, prosperity, victory

II. Because God Himself is your shield, that makes your shield impenetrable by evil

A. 1 John 1:5-Darkness can't penetrate God; it'd like to, but it can't

- 1. Death/darkness is a force that produces evil

B. **No evil** (that's everything) can penetrate our shield (Psalm 91:9-10)

- 1. Jesus laid hands on the leper, but evil couldn't penetrate (Mark 1:40-41)
- 2. They try to kill Jesus, but evil couldn't penetrate (John 8:56)
- 3. They tried to kill the three Hebrews, but fire couldn't penetrate that shield (Daniel 3)
- 4. Goliath tried to kill David, but couldn't penetrate that shield (1 Samuel 17)

C. That shield is powered by the power of God that's why nothing can penetrate (1 Pt 1:5)

- 1. That power that makes that shield powerful is the anointing; it's activated by faith
- 2. Until this final salvation comes you're being kept by the power of God through faith
- 3. 6-Even though you're going through something rejoice, because you're safe

III. Satan would like to do a lot of things, but he can't penetrate the shield; it's not that he won't, he can't

A. Satan can't penetrate the shield, so the only thing left for him to do is get the shield to come down first and if the shield comes down then he can go to work

B. Job 1:9-10, 3:25

1. 9,10-Satan thought Job feared God b/c God shielded and blessed Him; but God blessed Job and shielded him b/c Job feared God & trusted Him
 - a. The fear of God and trust came before the shield
 2. Satan's trying to get God to take the hedge down & stop shielding Job
 - a. Whoso trust in the Lord, God will shield & He won't take it down if Job's trusting
 - b. If he wants the hedge down Job must stopped trusting
 - c. God didn't determined if the hedge was there, Job did
 3. That hedge is protecting everything and Satan couldn't get through that hedge
 - a. Satan's out here running into a hedge that is real; it's not seen, but it's real
 - b. Ask Satan how real that hedge was
 4. 3:25-When you walk in fear, you're not trusting God, when you're not trusting you're not shielded and the serpent will bite
 - a. Eccl 10:8-If YOU bread the hedge the serpent will bite; that's a law
 - 1) Notice the serpent can't break the hedge; YOU have to
 - b. Eph 4:27-You'd give place 2 the devil by doing things that deactivated the shield
 5. Isaiah 5:1-8-Their wild behavior broke the hedge down and it's a law if the hedge is down the serpent will bite
 - a. 5-It wasn't being eaten up or trodden down before b/c the wall was there; there was plenty of stuff that wanted to eat it and trample it, but couldn't b/c the wall
- C. It's like people were living in a bubble; Satan wanted them dead, but couldn't do it
1. John 8:59-Satan's working through them & wants Jesus killed, but runs into something
 2. Mark 1:40-41-Satan wants Jesus dead, but that leprosy ran into something
 3. Gen 26:1-3,12, Mt 14-Lack was trying to come into his life, but it ran into something
 4. Daniel 3-Fire was trying to burn them, but it ran into something; a real shield
 5. 1 Samuel 17-Goliath wanted David dead, but he ran into something
 6. Psalm 91:2,4-He trusted so he's shielded
 - a. The terror, the arrow, the pestilence, the destruction, whatever killed the 11,000, the evil, the plague, all of it ran into something
 7. Jeremiah 17:5-7-If you'll trust God you can be safe in an unsafe place
 - a. 5-If you trust/rely on/look to things other than God it's not safe
 - b. 7-The man who trust God is blessed; The blessing keeps safe & adds no sorrow
 - c. 8-Trust is not moved; Heat comes, not moved; Draught comes, not moved
 - d. 8-In dangerous circumstances, the tree is safe, it's shielded because it trust
 - e. The man who trust is going to be like this tree; unaffected by evil/SAFE

IV. Trusting God will be a major factor in whether or not you're shielded by Him

A. God can only shield those who trust him

1. Proverbs 30:5-Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
2. 2Samuel 22:3-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 saviour; thou savest me from violence.
3. 2Samuel 22:31-As *for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to them that trust him.
4. Psalm 28:7 The LORD *is* my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped:
5. Ps 115:9-11-O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield, O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield, Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield.
6. Psalm 144:2-My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; Psalm 18:2-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.
7. Psalm 16:1-Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

B. Not trusting in God will make you unshielded and therefore unsafe

1. Proverbs 29:25-Trusting God is the safe place, the shielded place
2. Is 12:2-You determine weather or not u trust & therefore whether or not you are safe

C. What is trust

1. Scripture definition
 - a. H982-Confidence, secure, bold, carless, hope, sure (If you trust you'll operating in these things)
 - b. H2620-To make refuge (If you trust you put the care of your safety in God's hands)
 - c. H4268-Refuge, shelter, hope,
 - d. H1556-Commit
 - e. H539-Believe, assurance, faithful, sure, established, verified, steadfast, continuance, stand fast
 - f. G1679-Hope (If you trust the chair to hold you hope, you expect it to do so)-Trust always expectation w/ it
 - g. G3982-Persuade, obey, believe, be confident
 - h. G3872-That committed to one's trust
 - i. G4100-Believe, commit unto, commit to one's trust
2. Trust defined
 - a. To place confidence in or rely on
 - 1) Trust insinuates that you're completely confident in the person or thing that you're relying on
 - b. To commit to the care of, in confidence

- 1) Trust is revealed when you take something valuable to you & place the care of it in the hands of another
 - c. Trust transfers responsibility
 - 1) You always be responsible for believing, but trust transfers the responsibility of manifesting to God
 - d. Trust is not faith, but it's an act of faith
 - 1) The reason people don't rely on God is because they don't believe He'll support them
 - 2) Trust comes roaring out of a heart full of faith
- D. What it means to be operating in trust
- 1. Trust relies on God-Psalm 23:1
 - a. Trust in God is revealed in that you look to Him first and then only Him
 - b. Whomever you look to first and the most is who you trust
 - 1) EX: Do you look to your paycheck, your job, medicine, ect.
 - 2. Trust is not moved, it's committed, planted like a tree
 - a. Trust commits to do it's part no matter what because it trust God will do His
 - b. Trust doesn't ask questions, wonder, or become weary it continues
 - 3. Trust will rest
 - a. Trust does not fear, worry, or tolerate torment
 - b. Trust is revealed by the presence peace – Phil 4:8
 - c. Trust is revealed by the absence of frustration, discouragement
 - d. Trust always has a good attitude
 - e. Trust knows everything is going to be alright
 - f. If you're trusting you are quiet, still, resting, sure
- E. If you'll just trust God you'll be safe-Daniel 3
- 1. There were shielded from the fire because they trusted God-28
 - a. The relied on God, were not moved, and rested
 - 2. Job 1:10-He had a fence around him & it had to be in response to his trust
- V. When you trust in other things instead of God you are not safe-Jeremiah 17:5**
- A. Whomever you look to first/the most that's where your trust is; whomever you trust you've deemed responsible for taking care of you
- 1. EX: If u've put ur trust in medicine, then you've deemed it responsible for healing you
 - 2. EX: If u've put ur trust in your job, then u've deemed it responsible for providing for u
 - 3. God is the only being in existence that you can be certain He won't fail you
 - a. When you put your trust in uncertain things it's not safe

4. Who are you relying on? Who are you looking to? That's who you trust and if it's anybody or anything other than God you are not safe
- B. It's useless to put your trust in uncertain things because they will fail you
1. Psalm 33:16-22
 - a. 16-These natural things r uncertain & it's useless to rely on them b/c they will fail u
 - b. 18-The fear of the Lord is not vain (Psalm 115:11, Proverbs 19:23)
 - 1) Those that fear him trust him and will not be visited with evil
 - c. 20-He's our shield; the source of our security and protection-Rely on him
 2. Psalm 127:1
 - a. It's useless to have a watchmen if you're trusting in him to keep your city & not God because you're not safe
 - b. It's useless to stay up worrying because you're not trusting; it's not safe
 3. God is the source of our safety (Proverbs 21:31, Psalm 4:8, 32:7, 119:17)
- C. People have been putting their trust in other things unknowingly and it's not safe
1. EX: Job, paycheck, medicine, ect.
 2. Jeremiah 41-43-This wicked man Ishmael was a murderer and was holding people captive. When Johanan heard that he got people together & fought Ishmael & his men and won, but Ishmael escaped.
 - a. They put their trust in Egypt and they made Egypt responsible for taking care of their safety; that was bad b/c Egypt couldn't keep them safe from everything
 - 1) 41:17-18-Johanan feared the Chaldeans would retaliate against these people b/c of what Ishmael did
 - 2) 42:5-6-They told Jeremiah to pray & tell them what to do and they'd do it
 - 3) 42:9-17-To go down to Egypt would be for them to go down b/c they trusted Egypt would keep them fed & safe; to go down there was to go down not trusting God
 - 4) 43:2-7-They went down to Egypt b/c they trusted it more than they trusted God
 - 5) 44:12,26-28-The famine they feared, the sword they feared came on them
 - b. God was telling them if you'll stay where I tell you and trust me, even though in the natural it appears to be an unsafe place, you'll be safe; but if you go down to Egypt b/c it looks safe and you put your trust in Egypt and not in Me you won't be safe