

Day 04 – *January 16*

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Protect Them

Key Verse: John 17:15-17

John 17:15-17 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Theme: The Importance of Protection

Today, let's delve into the vital topic of spiritual protection. As believers, we navigate a world fraught with challenges and temptations. Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, underscored the significance of this protection, praying for His disciples and all who would believe in Him.

Consider some of these Scriptures that speak as to why we need protection:

- Temptation: Satan and his demons tempt us to disobey God. (Mat 4:1-11, 1 Cor 7:5)
- Evil Influences: The world can exert negative influences on our lives. (1 Jn 5:19)
- Spiritual Warfare: We are engaged in a spiritual battle against evil forces. (Eph 6:10-18)
- The Scriptures also guide as to how we can receive protection from God. Consider the following:
 - Faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 16:31)
 - Prayer (Phil 4:6-7)
 - Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13-14)
 - Armor of God (Eph 6:10-18)
 - Community (Heb 10:25)
 - God's Word (Ps 119:105)

In a world rife with uncertainty and danger, we find solace and security in the spiritual protection God provides. By understanding the threats we face, seeking guidance through His Word, and relying on His promises, we can navigate life's challenges with courage and confidence.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

How do you experience the spiritual battle in your own life? What are some of the challenges you face?

Are you diligently seeking God's protection? What steps can you take to put on your spiritual armor?

How can you deepen your understanding of God's Word and apply it to your daily life?

PRAYER:

God, help me to remember, my ultimate protection lies in my relationship with Jesus Christ. Through faith in Him, prayer, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and the armor of God, I am equipped to resist the enemy and live a victorious life. Help me cultivate a deep connection with you, Heavenly Father, and trust in your unwavering love and care. Amen.