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INTRODUCTION

It is a common sight, i.e. it is not strange for us to see people that we have tagged Very Important People (VIP) because of their status in the society being guarded by armed security guards. The sole duty of these guards are to drive off any form of hostility/threats towards their bosses.

The bible calls us Priests and Kings, and so we are Very Important Personalities (VIP) in the eyes of God, that is why He has detailed spiritual bodyguards to protect us and drive away any form of evil from us.

It is however saddening that most Christians, don't know their identity in Christ and so do not enjoy the inherent benefits that comes with being in a relationship with Christ.

This book will help you to discover your covenant right in Christ and also teach you how to activate it. It will teach you how to live a victorious Christian life over sin, poverty, failure, accidents and other common plagues which the devil uses to torment the lives of Christians.

Chapter 1

Covenant of Safety

My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
Psalm 89:34

The word covenant means a promise of loyalty made by a person to another, which is confirmed with an oath or a vow. It also means two people entering into a responsibility of which a breach (from either of the parties involved) will attract culpability under the law.

Covenant can also be defined as a legally binding agreement, written, signed and sealed between two people or group of people. It is an obligation that both parties involved must fulfil, irrespective of any condition and circumstances that they may be going through.

Divine safety is one of the covenants between God and His children. It is a promise given to us by God. It is an agreement of responsibility that God will keep us from all evil. So, it is our responsibility to keep the terms and conditions of that covenant.

God our father loves us so much that is why He gave us His word that, He will not break the covenant with us, nor alter the things that is gone out of His mouth. Psalm 89:34.

The basis of every covenant relationship is love. Therefore, God established the covenant of safety with us because He loves us and He does not want any evil to happen to us.

Have you ever wondered why your Bible is divided into old and new Covenants? The word testament means covenant. So, when we say New Testament, we are simply saying New Covenant.

Jesus came to establish the new covenant through His blood. So the whole Bible is full of covenant (promises) of God for man which cannot fail; because if it fails, it means God has failed. But as God lives, His Covenant word will stand forever unbroken.

All that God expects from us is to put our faith and trust in His covenant promises of His divine safety and protection. In Hebrews 4:2, Apostle

Paul mentioned some people that the word of God did not profit because they did not mix faith with the word they heard.

I want you to know that, divine protection is part of the package of redemption. When Jesus shed His blood on the tree of Calvary, it was not only for the remission of sins and for the salvation of our soul. The package also includes: healing, long life, prosperity, soundness, safety and protection.

Covenant Consciousness

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

Isaiah 43:2

Nobody enjoys the blessings of the covenant until he is conscious of it. You need to live in the consciousness that you are in a relationship with God and He has promised you some benefits to enjoy for being in covenant with Him.

Many believers live in perpetual fear of danger and consequently die because of their ignorance of the fact that God is always by their side.

Brethren, please accept this assurance. You are not alone God is always on your side, He lives in you, is with you and He is for you.

Jesus has promised that He will be with us till the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20). Not only that, Jesus also promised us that He will send the Holy Spirit to us that will be in us forever. (John 14:16-17).

We don't need to be afraid of danger or satanic attacks. This is because God is always around us and thus we should be more conscious of His covenant of protection than that of the evil around us.

I love King David. He knew about the covenant of safety that he had with God. He was always conscious of this covenant of safety and he knew that God was always with him irrespective of the danger he may face.

That is why he said, "*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me*". (Psalms 23:4).

When believers are conscious of the covenant of protection; their hearts and mind will settle and be at peace irrespective of their life challenges. They may go through danger and still be confident that no evil will happen to them.

We live in a world that is full of chaos and devastating events. Almost everyday we hear news about earthquakes and other natural disasters that kill thousands of people in several nations of the world. But in the midst of these, your heart should stay at peace trusting in God's divine protection. The Bible says in Isaiah 26:3 "*Thou will keep in perfect peace those whose mind is stayed on you.*"

The rate at which people die every day is alarming. Newspapers and other media are filled with reports of car accidents, train accidents, airplane crashes etc. Likewise the rate at which wars and acts of terrorism are happening worldwide is enough to create fear and panic.

In the midst of all these however, the word of God gives us an assurance of safety and protection. The word of God, which is forever true and remains a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

It says, "*A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee*". (Psalm 91:7)

Beloved if you believe the word of God it will work for you. Don't let your heart be troubled, there is hope for every believer who puts his/her trust in the covenant of safety that God has provided.

Safety Is Real

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is thy keeper: the LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psalms 121:3-5

God cares about your protection and that of your entire family. He also cares about everything that belongs to you.

I am so conscious of God's covenant of protection over my life such that I find it totally unimaginable that I will die suddenly either by accident, or any other means. In other words, I cannot die prematurely. I don't think about any kind of danger that can happen to me and my family.

I have had near death encounters in the past, yet by God's hand of safety I always come out without any hurt. What has killed many people has increased my testimony of God's faithfulness to His covenant of protection.

David was conscious of this covenant of protection. He knew that God is committed to His promises of divine protection. He knew that death in the battle front at the hands of his enemies was impossible. Though David spent all the forty years of his reign as a king fighting battles, God, who never sleeps nor slumber protected him all through.

In the book of psalms he testified that, "*As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore*". (Psalms 125:2)

What this tells me is that God cares about our security and safety.

Besides, I also believe that God has assigned some angels specifically for our protection and safety. They are heavens security agents that monitor our safety and protection on the earth. These angels have the divine mandate to watch over us.

Most nations of the world allocate millions of dollars or its equivalent for security in their annual budget. If nations which have limited resources compared to what God has can do this, how much more our heavenly Father who has invested a lot to create us. He will definitely make sure that the security and protection of all His children are guaranteed.

The Bible says,

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:11

When I look at all these covenant words and promises of God, I don't have any fear of danger. God said He will not sleep nor slumber, so that we can sleep; yet most of us cannot sleep because of fear of danger, evil spirit and robbers.

Some believers find it preposterous that God does not sleep nor slumber, so that He can watch and protect us from all evil. What we need to do is to put our trust in the covenant promises of God as regards our protection and safety.

The fact that a Christian dies in an accident or was a victim of evil circumstances, does not mitigate the faithfulness of God to His covenant of protection upon our lives

The principles of God is what we live by, not what we use in emergency situations. It is not enough to believe in divine protection, it is more important that we know how to activate the covenant of safety and put it to work in our life. The same way you consciously activate your covenant of salvation, by believing and confessing Him as your Lord and saviour, is the same way you should activate the covenant of divine safety that He is your safety and protector.

There is an invisible shield of God's around us to protect you, it is not necessary for you to see it, you just need to believe it and it will work for you. There is a shadow of God's protection upon your life that no evil or devil can break into.

The Bible says,

“Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side...”

(Job 1:10)

The devil saw the shield of protection that God had put around Job, so that he, his children and all that he had could not be harmed. Evidently Job did not see the hedge of protection around him, but it was there.

Dear reader, Satan knows that you are fully protected and the worst he can do is to bark and not bite. All his fiery darts cannot harm you because Gods is your shield. Satan knows about this shield of protection and it now depends on you to discern it, believe it and activate it to work for you.

Satan was unable to harm Job and all he had until God permitted the shield to be removed, which was for the purpose of God being glorified mightily in Jobs life and to the shame of Satan.

How can you die in an accident? How can terrible things happen to you? As long as your covenant brother (Jesus) did not perish in any accident, you too cannot die in any accident. It is impossible!

The Bible says, *“He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken”*. (Psalms 34:20). That means if per chance you get involved in any

accident, with fatalities involved, the covenant says, none of your bones will be broken. You will come out safe and unhurt.

That was exactly what happened to me in a motor vehicle accident on 10th of October 2000. I came out unharmed-Praise God!

I am so conscious of that covenant of divine protection; that God will keep all my bones and none of them will be broken in any kind of orchestrated evil that may come unto me. That means, if God can keep my bones, then He can keep everything that belongs to me. Praise God!

Believe this scripture; it will definitely work for you too as it worked for me.

Chapter 2

Redemption Benefits

In whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins:
Colossians 1:14

Imagine my joy when I got the revelation that my new creation experience does not start and end with the salvation of my soul and the forgiveness of my sins. If that is all that salvation has to offer, it means that the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour is in vain.

But I thank God that salvation has much more to offer than forgiveness of sin. It is a complete package which has various benefits in it.

If all that salvation has to offer is forgiveness of sin, God would have raised a generation of weak, inferior and powerless people without any value and authority to handle Satan, sin and death.

The salvation experience does not end with forgiveness of sins, it also offers: health, safety, preservation, soundness, prosperity and deliverance. That means after you have had your sins blotted out by the blood of Jesus, you will then enter into God's chains of benefits which includes safety and protection. Therefore, an acknowledgement of this will make you raise your shoulder high against the devil and all his snares.

God does not intend for believers to walk according to the dictates of their environment. We are not designed to operate by elemental principles of this world, for God has made a concrete provision for our protection and safety.

Divine protection is an eternal provision of God for both Old and New Testament saints. A good example of protection can be found in the life of David the King of Israel. He enjoyed so much of God's divine safety and protection during his reign as a King. Let's see what David has to say about this in the book of Psalms.

Abiding Under the Shadow

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1

In order for any individual to enjoy the safety and protection of God, he needs to start with a relationship with Him. We must not be visitors in the presence of God; we must dwell in His presence in intimate fellowship with Him.

The phrase “shadow of the almighty” God speaks of God’s glory, presence, and cloud that cover us. It can be compared to the cloud of glory that covered the children of Israel in the wilderness, which appeared like the cloud of fire by night and cloud of glory by the day.

The presence of God drives away evil from us. It was the divine protection that God gave to the children of Israel in the wilderness that did not allow them to fall prey to their enemies or wild animals. The presence of God always drives away demons and evil spirit from us.

To abide means; to dwell in the place of shelter. Abide, is the verb form of the word abode which means a dwelling place. Therefore, God wants all His children to make His presence their permanent abode and the place of prayer and worship is where we can activate the presence of God all around our life, family and properties.

God Is Our Refuge

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

Psalms 91:2

The word refuge means a place of protection; a hidden place where one can run to for shelter or protection from danger or trouble.

King David trusted God as his hiding place in whom he needed to abide for safety and protection.

The Bible says, (Psalms 46:1). There is no protection in any one than in God. Therefore we must be conscious of our divine protection in God and know Him as our refuge in times of trouble.

God Is Our Shield

He shall cover thee with his pinions, and under his wings shalt thou take refuge: his truth is a shield and a buckler.

Psalms 91:4

A shield is a piece of armour carried on the arm to protect the whole body when fighting. It protects by forming a barrier against the arrows of the enemies.

However, a shield is best described in the way Roman soldiers dressed. They carry a shield that covers them from the head to their feet. It protects every parts of their body and makes it difficult for the enemy to attack them frontally.

The shield is made from a strong metal which makes it impossible for the dangerous arrows of the enemies to penetrate to harm the soldier. Likewise God is our shield and He is strong enough to quench every arrow that the enemies may into our life. He is our strong shield against every attack of the enemies. God is our safety.

God Is Our Pavilion

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me secretly in his pavilion: in the cover of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall lift me up upon a rock.

Psalms 27:5

A Pavilion is like a building used as shelter for the purpose of protection. It is a structure built to secure safety from the attacks of the enemies.

In the Bible days, particularly during the time of David as the King of Israel, he built several pavilions for the purpose of security. It can be likened to what we have in many presidential houses, where the president can hide if an attack is launched against him.

When a man runs into a pavilion, it is almost impossible for him to be harmed. It is a place of maximum security, where the enemies cannot easily penetrate. This is what David meant when he said, "*For in the time of trouble He (God) shall hide me in his pavilion.*" Psalms 27:5

God Is Our Fortress

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.

Psalms 91:2

A fortress is a stronghold that the enemies cannot easily break into. It is a place of protection against the enemy's attacks. It is a town built on hill top.

I have never been to Jerusalem before, but from what I have read, and heard, from those who have been there; the city is surrounded by mountains and hills.

I believe that was why David said, "*As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore*". (*Psalms 125:2*) When David moved to Jerusalem and built the city of David, he built it on those mountains and hills.

The main purpose was for the security and safety of his life and his kingdom. It is very easy for the soldier to see the enemies from the top of the mountain and shoot arrows at them.

David got victory very easily whenever he attacked his enemies from the hills, and at times, he could roll down stones from the mountain height to kill them and prevent them from coming up. In fact there are some holes in those mountains called strong holds. When a soldier enters into any of those holes, the enemies will find it very difficult to get him.

David ran into many of these strongholds for safety and protection from his enemies. In fact he hid in some of those caves when Saul wanted to kill him.

When David mentioned the Lord as his fortress, he was using these mountains and hills in Jerusalem as an example of how God surrounds us in the time of trouble so that our enemies will not be able to harm us.

There are several words that David used to describe God as a protector. Such words are: "buckler" "defence in time of trouble". Therefore, protection and safety is part of our redemption package and it is our privilege as children of God to enjoy it!

Chapter 3

The Provision

The LORD shall keep thee from all evil; he shall keep thy soul.

Psalms 121:7

It is interesting to know that God has made a strong provision for our protection and safety. He knew that this world is full of evil and diverse wickedness. That was why He said, in the above scripture that, He will preserve us from all evil.

God will not make a promise without making arrangements for it. I have discovered in the word of God that before God says a thing, He has already done that thing. So it is just for us to wait for its manifestation.

There is no cause for fear; our protection is sure and guaranteed in God. All we need to do is to put our trust in God's provision for safety and protection and also know how to activate it to work for us.

There are many provisions for protection that men have devised for themselves which of course have failed. Man cannot protect himself, only God can. In fact, the protection that comes from man is subject to fail no matter how effective it may look like.

The Bible says,

I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains: from whence shall my help come?

Psalms 121:1

I remember very well an instance that happened some years ago in the street I once lived in Nigeria. The Landlords and Tenants association of that street employed the services of two professional security guards to watch over the street because of the increasing threats of armed robbers.

These guards had not only guns, but local charms and some demonic powers to detect and arrest robbers. Most of the people on that street were not born again, and so believed in the efficacy of the fetish powers.

For a couple of months the street was free of and we had a respite from the scourge of armed robbers. Not long after, the armed robbers resurfaced

again and when they came, they met these two guards sleeping. They injured them seriously and tied them up with ropes.

Of course the armed robbers eventually broke into some houses and robbed them of their belongings before the arrival of the Police.

The point I want to make is that except the Lord watch over the city, the guards are watching in vain. It is only protection from God that cannot fail, because He never sleeps nor slumbers. It is not enough to have security guards as your safety; you must secure divine protection from God.

Besides, human safety is limited to the physical. There are many attacks that the enemies are launching against you in the realm of the spirit that you cannot see or handle. It is only God that can protect you from physical and spiritual attacks.

The Holy Scripture says, the keeper of Israel never sleeps nor slumber. In other words, while we are asleep, and our security guards are dozing, there is a God in heaven that watches over us, He never sleeps nor slumber. He is always awake to see that we are fully protected and secured. Praise God!

Charms will Fail

Thus saith the LORD: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:5

It is obvious that all the provision man makes for his own protection will eventually fail. In fact, God has put a curse on any man who put his trust in another man. God knows that the arm of flesh cannot profit any man.

Besides, it is foolishness for a man to put his trust and confidence in a fellow man, which of course will lead into destruction.

In some parts of Africa, occultism and demonic practices were the order of the day especially before the missionaries came. Every family had a shrine or an idol they worshipped. As a matter of fact, human blood was atimes used to renew covenants with those gods. The confidence of the people for protection and safety was often in their family gods. It is hard to believe however that in this twenty first century, some people still trust

in these fetish charms (which most times fail) from witch doctors, herbalists and occultists.

I remember the story of one famous politician in Nigeria, who believed so much in charms for his protection. This particular politician went to his witch doctor to renew his charms which was like a local bullet proof that would not allow any bullet or metal, like knife or cutlass to penetrate into his body.

So confident was he in the superiority of the charm that he went back to his witch doctor on the appointed date to collect the charm. The witch doctor gave him the charm and told him to tie it around his waist, after which he will fire a gun at him to test the potency of the charm.

On second thoughts the politician, insisted that the witch doctor should tie the charm on his own waist instead so that the gun would be fired at him. A proposition which the witch doctor agreed to because he was so confident in the potency of his charm.

The politician aimed and fired the gun at the witch doctor who surprisingly slumped and died as the bullet tore into his chest despite the charms around his body.

Of course, the charm had worked for him in the past but failed when it was most important. It is obvious that anything that comes from the devil has an expiry date, it will fail someday.

If you put your trust in God; certainly He will never fail you. David was a man that trusted in God whole heartedly. That was why he said,

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will make mention of the name of the LORD our God. They are bowed down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

Psalms 20:7-8

God saves His children from any kind of danger that the devil or man may bring across their path. When sinners and unbelievers trust in chariots and horses (manmade contraptions for safety) we who believe in God will put our trust in the name of our God for our divine protection and safety.

I want us to start trusting on this eternal provision for divine safety that God has made available for all His covenant children as part of our redemptive privilege in Christ Jesus.

We need to look at these eternal provisions of divine protection one after the other, and I believe that the Holy Spirit will quicken our spiritual understanding to see what God has done for us in Christ.

I pray that God will open your eyes of understanding to see the mystery of this divine protection.

I want you to pause for a while and use Ephesians 1:17-23 to pray that God should give you an understanding of the mystery of His divine protection made available in His word.

It is my prayer that your eyes get opened in Jesus name.

Chapter 4

The Blood of Jesus

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death.

Revelation 12:11

The blood of Jesus is potent for divine protection and it is what the believer can use to overcome all the satanic attacks launched against the church. The blood of Jesus has given us the victory and triumph over all the evil forces.

Believers should learn to abide under the protective custody of the blood of Jesus as it makes them unreachable and untouchable by the devil. Jesus has paid the full price for our protection and safety. The same blood that Jesus shed for our salvation, healing, prosperity etc is the same blood that He shed for our protection.

We are also protected by the blood because it is the blood that saved us. Therefore, when the devil knocks at your door, you can tell him that the blood of Jesus is against him and he will back off from your life.

The blood gave the Israelites victory over the angel of death that killed all the first born in Egypt. If the blood of goats and bulls, under the old covenant, could protect the whole nation of Israel against the plague of death, how much more shall the blood of Jesus give us protection and safety under the New Covenant.

The blood of Jesus is the divine immunization against every destruction that happens in the world. We cannot be affected by any arrow the devil fires at us, because the blood is our defence over sickness, diseases, death, poverty etc.

Satan has no legal right to afflict us with any of its evil. In fact, our insurance policy in the blood of Jesus also covers our properties, family and everything that belongs to us.

The word of God declares that we overcame the devil by the blood of the lamb.

Bought With a Prize

Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Ghost hath made you bishops, to feed the church of God, which he purchased with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

The blood of Jesus is the redemptive currency that purchased us and everything that belongs to us; therefore, making us His property, and securing all that belongs to us with that same powerful blood.

It takes your willingness to surrender all that you have to Jesus so that He can take full ownership of your life and all that belongs to you.

Friend, once you have surrendered your life to Christ, Satan has no right to intrude anymore, because your life and everything that belongs to you is secured in Christ.

The word of God says,

For ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:20

Every believer needs to know that He has been bought and purchased. The day he gave his life to Jesus; there was a price that was paid for his redemption which indicated a change of ownership, from Satan to God; a transfer of ownership that took place from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God. (Colossians 1:13-14).

Now the demand for our salvation has been met and our spirit, soul and body and all that belongs to us are now God's property. This is the confidence that we have that no evil shall come near us, because our life and our property have become Gods' own.

Speak Out The blood

And Cain told Abel his brother. And it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Genesis 4:8-10

One of the things that believers need to know and work is their confession because life or death are in the power of the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21).

God becomes to you what you say about Him. If you say God is a great and powerful God, you will definitely see His greatness and power in full measures in your life. Therefore, whatever you say is what God will become to you.

We need to speak out what the blood of Jesus can do for us; and it will definitely do what we have confessed. If you confess that you are covered by the blood of Jesus, you automatically become protected from sickness, death, disease, and whatever evils that Satan may plan to bring around you and your family.

It is our responsibility to speak to any circumstance that is working against us. The blood of Jesus is still very much active today in heaven and on the earth.

Cain killed his brother Abel and buried him secretly but his blood never died. His blood spoke from the ground, crying for vengeance after his death. (Genesis 4:10).

The devil can kill the flesh but he can't kill the blood; the blood will still speak after the death of the flesh. Why? It is because; the life of the flesh is in the blood.

It is the blood that gives the life to the flesh. So the blood is still very much alive after the death of the flesh.

The scripture says,

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood...”

Leviticus 17:11

If the blood cannot speak from the body, it will speak from the ground. Don't fight the devil with human power, don't speak for yourself, let the blood of Jesus speak for you and through you. The Devil recognizes and identifies the voice of the blood of Jesus when he hears it from the mouth of the believers.

Abel is the type of Jesus while Cain is the type of the devil. Jesus is the type of the lamb killed before the foundation of the world. The ground is

the type of your mouth and if the blood can speak from the ground, then the blood can speak out of your mouth.

When you tell Satan that the blood is against him, the power in the blood will flow into action to destroy all his power totally. The blood can speak peace to the believers and speak vengeance to our enemies.

When we confess the blood, it will build a wall of protection round our family and everything that belongs to us. There is power in our confessions and its potency is limited until we speak it out.

The Blood, Our Protection

And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:13

When the blood is sprinkled or applied by faith, it keeps the devil away, it makes Zion a city of refuge, it secures our home and property. When you take cover in the blood, you become inaccessible, unapproachable and untouchable by the evil ones.

The blood was the security for the children of Israel in the land of Egypt. God instructed them to kill an animal and use its blood as a cover on the lintel or pillar post of the entrance of their houses, so that when the angel of death comes and sees the blood, he will pass them over.

The lamb's blood was their pass over against the spirit of death that killed the first born of all the Egyptians.

When you plead the blood over your house, and into your environment, the evil spirits of sickness, death, diseases, poverty etc, will retreat as soon as they get closer to your abode, because the blood of Jesus will speak against them.

The blood has a voice that the enemy can hear. It is like those signs that some military people usually erect in front of their houses which says: "Military Zone Keep Off." Once the sign of the Blood is over your life, it will continually like this speak once the enemy approaches "*Satan Keep off. This person is covered with the Blood of Jesus*"

Once the devil hears the voice of the blood, he has no choice but to pass over that home or that person and his property, because any attempt to do otherwise might result in his destruction.

Some years ago a fire accident started in one of the four flats of a particular building, and as is common with such incidents, the fire quickly spread to the second flat, and to the third flat where a Christian family lived.

As the fire began to engulf their flat, they began to plead the blood of Jesus, and immediately the fire died as if they had used fire extinguisher against it. Surprisingly, the fire did not abate as they had expected, but it just jumped over their flat to the fourth one until it completely razed it down.

The incident can be likened to a New Testament example of what happened in Egypt. The angels of death that killed the first born of all the Egyptians did not kill any son of the Israelites because they used the blood as a cover. So also the fire that consumed the three flats was unable to consume the flat where God's people who knew about the blood stay. The blood was their protection against the fire.

You may handicap God from moving on your behalf, if you don't speak out the blood for your protection. Once you do, your word will set God into action and make Satan to back off from your life and your property.

It is futile to try to fight the devil by our own power. We should learn not to speak for ourselves, but to let the blood of Jesus speak for us. The blood will build a wall of protection around you and your family.

If the blood of bulls and goats, which the Israelites used on the instruction of God through Moses was powerful enough to rebuff the spirit of death, how much more shall the blood of Jesus do for us when we plead it with faith from our mouth to cover our house and family. It will make our home to be a refuge that Satan cannot have access to.

I read about the testimony of a man of God called Rudy Peterson, who went to a little mission station in Bahamas Islands many years ago. Many local native doctors and missionary there were suffering from the physical torture of the devil, accompanied with mental torture of terrible noises

However when Rudy Peterson, who knew about the power in the blood got there, he wasted no time in pleading the blood round the Chapel and thus stemmed the evil powers there.

He did this by walking around the environment of the mission, pleading the blood of Jesus loudly several times over and no trouble of demonic attacks was experienced again.

The blood of Jesus cleared the way for the power of God to be released. The gifts of the Spirit and miracles began to happen in that Island.

The day the Israelites sprinkled the blood in Egypt, it brought great deliverance for them. The day Rahab the harlot used the crimson cloth for a sign; it brought great deliverance to her and her family.

If the believers too can plead the blood of Jesus with faith, it will bring great deliverance.

In the Old Testaments days, the high priest usually sprinkled the blood of bulls, and it brought forgiveness of sins for the people. But when Jesus the author of the New Testament sprinkled His own blood on the cross of Calvary, it purchased salvation for all mankind and this salvation package includes protection.

Now it is the turn of all the believers to sprinkle the blood with their mouth, by faith in their heart and wonders of all kind will be activated.

The blood of Jesus cannot work for the unbeliever, no matter how often he pleads it. But for the child of God who pleads the blood in faith, it quickly brings wonderful results.

And to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:24

As the blood of Abel speaks vengeance, the blood of Jesus speaks: peace, healing, deliverance, salvation, prosperity etc. For those who are bound by Satan, as we speak the blood of Jesus, we must remember that the blood of Jesus carries all the power, spirit, and life that are in Jesus to set free from all satanic oppressions.

The Old Testament priests sprinkled the blood of bulls and goats with their hands. On the converse, New Testament believers sprinkle blood

with their tongue i.e. by mentioning the blood of Jesus several times and believing in their heart that power is being activated to bring Satan's work into bondage and nullify his evil works.

As the blood of a human being carries his life, so does the blood of Jesus carries the life of the Son of God. Since the life of Jesus is in the blood, if we plead it, sprinkle it and sing about it, we are actually introducing the life of God-head into our life for divine safety.

Chapter 5

The Angelic Protection

What are the angels, then? They are spirits who serve God and are sent by him to help those who are to receive salvation.

Hebrews 1:14(GNB)

Who are angels?

Angels are spiritual creatures without a body created by God, for the service of Christendom and the church. They are created for the service of God and His children.

If there is any subject that the church misunderstood in the Bible, one of it is the subject of angels and their activities to the body of Christ.

The church of God is very ignorant of the works and the ministry of these wonderful creatures of God. They don't know their importance and why God created them for us. Many Christians have their libraries filled with books, magazines, and materials pertaining to Satan, demons and the kingdom of darkness. But they never buy books or tapes on angels or things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

I have learnt that the best way to understand something is to study it. Whatever divine operation you need to activate, all you just need is to study it. It may be the Holy Spirit, healing, prosperity etc. Likewise to activate the ministry of angels in operation in your life, you need to study about them.

In the family of God, God is the Father. Jesus is the first born, all the born again believers' are the sons and daughters while angels are the servants of the family.

Angels are not sons or children of God. They are called the servant in the family of God. Their duties are to minister to all the children in the family and to assist them to do the will of their Father-(God).

Apostle Paul called them servants and messengers in Hebrews 1:14. Angels do not see it as an insult when you call them servant. They don't feel maltreated or embarrassed when you call them servants. In other

words, all angels are servants or serving spirits; God created and equipped them to render various services to us.

Guardian Angel

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psalms 34:7

There are some angels with the primary duty to guard and watch all over all God's children; to ensure that they become untouchable by the enemies.

God created these angels to fight His battles and that of His children. Not only that, they see to our safety, protection and our security from any attacks of the enemies.

Angel Michael is the archangel in charge of host of Heavens; He is a warring angel who God uses to fight His battle. These angels are mighty beings, strong and powerful in their operation.

King David said, in the above scripture that the angel of the Lord, encamp round about them that fear Him and protects them.

I strongly believe that God must have at one time opened the eyes of David to see the legions of angels protecting him from his enemies.

David also said

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Psalms 91:11-12

I remember an experience I had on the 10th of October 1990. I had as passengers, my two nephews, a woman and her baby daughter in the car I was driving.

Suddenly an accident happened, our car had a side collision with another car and the two cars somersaulted severally on the bridge and was to land into a deep river below the bridge, but our car got stuck at the edge of the bridge railings, with the four tyres up.

Amazingly all of us came out of the car without a hurt, even the baby did not suffer any abrasion or bruise. We stood beside the car praising the Lord for the great deliverance His angels had wrought for us while our

would be rescuers marvelled at our escape when they saw the intensity of the damage to the car.

They never believed anyone could survive the accident.

Angels in the Old Testament

The ministry of angels abound clearly in the Old Testament. I will however dwell on the experience of Daniel

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live forever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt.
Daniel 6:21-22

Daniel feared God, and for this he incurred the hatred of other princes in Babylon who saw him as a threat. The Princes had cleverly manipulated the King into signing a law that made it a crime for any man to pray to his god.

Undeterred, Daniel, as was his usual practice continued to pray three times a day to His God and for this he was sentenced to death; to be eaten up by lions.

When Daniel was thrown into the lion's den the king could not sleep because he loved Daniel, knowing he was a righteous man. The king was also aware knew that Daniel was a victim of the conspiracy by other princes who envied his success and wisdom in the land of Babylon,

In Daniel 6:19 –20, the king arose very early in the morning; and went in haste to the den of Lions and called unto Daniel, “*O Daniel, servant of the Living God, is thy God, whom thou serve continually, able to deliver thee from the Lion?*”

I love the way Daniel answered the king. He said, “*My God hath sent his angel; and hath shut the Lions' mouths that they have not hurt me...*” (Daniel 6:22).

Daniel must have seen the angels that held the mouth of the lions and did not allow them to eat him. If not, he wouldn't have said that the angel of the Lord had shut the mouths of the Lions.

God must have opened his eyes to see how these angels protect His people from any danger and evil that they may befall them.

Many times when the devil tries to hurt us, the unseen angel of God who is always on guard secures our protection. When we are sleeping at night, the angels of God who never sleep nor slumber are at alert, to see that no evil comes near us.

Angels in the New Testament

And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.

Luke 22:43

The ministry of angels is on the increase in the New Testament dispensation. The reason, I believe is to assist the church to fulfil their vision in good time before the coming of Jesus Christ.

Angels were quite visible in the ministry of Jesus Christ; they announced his birth to Mary, to Joseph, to Elizabeth and to Zachariah in Luke Chapters 1 and 2.

Not only that, they also ministered to Jesus several times in His earthly ministry and strengthened Him at the end of His ministry when He was weak. Luke 22:43.

Angels assisted the early church and the apostles to carry out God's assignment and helped them when they were attacked by the enemies of the gospel.

Let us look at few people that Angels assisted in the early church. *And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.*

Acts 5:18-20

Here we saw how the angel of the Lord came by the night and opened the prison door for Peter and John and told them to go and preach the word of life in the temple.

Also in Acts 12; Herod the king stretched his hands and killed James. He later arrested Peter and incarcerated him, intending to kill him too.

But a night to the day that Peter would be killed, the angel of the Lord came to the prison where he was, smote him on the side and woke him

up. The angel told Peter to arise quickly and the chains fell off from his hands and feet. And he was led out of the city, before the angel departed from him. Acts 12:1-10

The angel intervened on behalf of Peter, so that he would not suffer the same fate as James

How Angels Can Work For You

1. By Your Command

Bless the LORD, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Psalm 103:20

You can put your angels to work by command. Your word is what they will obey, not your cries. When you speak and give them a word of command, they are ready to carry them out.

Angels will not work for you until you speak forth words of command. The Bible says, "They obey the voice of your command". If the angels obey the voice of God's command; they will also obey your voice of command, because we are the heirs of salvation. Hebrews 1:14.

Angels do not respond to your complaints neither do they respond to your tears. They only respond to, and obey your command. Whatever you ask them to do for you is what they will do. Angels are always loyal to the Father and to all the children of the Father-God.

Your words are powerful that was why Jesus said, "You *shall have what you say.*" (Mark 11:23). Some Christians think that angels are mind readers and they can know what we need whether we tell them or not.

Angels are not omniscience who know all things. Angels only know what they hear from your mouth or what you tell them to do for you, and they are ready to do it perfectly for you.

Your word, your positive confession can make them to work for you positively in the same way negative word will also make them to work negatively for you.

2. By Your Prayer

Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide me with more than twelve legions of angels?

Matthew 26:53

Here we see another way we can put our angels to work for us. Jesus said we could pray to the Father to provide more than 72,000 angels at a time.

Angels can fight our battles for us, if we can pray to God to do so for us. If Jesus had asked the Father that day for angels, they would have come and protected him from being arrested.

There is another good example in the book of 2Kings 6:14-18. Here the Syrian soldiers surrounded with chariots and horses, the mountains where Elisha was living. When Elisha's servant woke up in the morning and saw the Assyrians soldiers, he became afraid and called his masters attention.

Elisha came out unruffled and said two prayers. First that the Lord should open the eyes of his servant to see the angels that surround them. God did so and the servant saw that multitude angels of God who were with them were more than the enemies that surrounded them.

Secondly, he prayed that God should blind all the Assyrian solders. The angels carried out the assignment without delay and all the Assyrian soldiers became blind.

Your prayers are much more important to the operation of the angels of God in your life.

3. By Your Faith

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

1John 5:4

Faith is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead. Faith is the conviction and strong persuasion that we have in God whatever His word says.

Angels cannot be seen because they are spirit beings. So it takes faith in God to believe in them and to put them to work. Through our faith we can believe what we cannot see.

Faith is the linking factor between the physical world and the spiritual realm. That was why Apostle Paul said, “*Without faith it is impossible to please God*”. (Hebrews 11:6).

As a matter of fact, all the provisions of God for divine protection cannot work for us without applying them with faith. These provisions cannot be seen, but it is our faith that puts them to work in our life. I will talk more on this when I discuss about the provision of faith.

4. By Your Obedience To God

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land.

Isaiah 1:19

Obedience to God is another powerful way to make angels work for you. Your willingness to obey God will make the angels of God to be willing to work for you.

There is no disobedience in the family of God. In fact, God cannot tolerate disobedience in His family. The first disobedient servant (Satan) was cast out, lost his position and became a vagabond and an outcast till today because of his disobedience to God.

Therefore, angels will not work for any children in the family of God that works in disobedience to the head of the family – the Father. The fact is that you cannot disobey daddy and want the servant of the daddy to be in obedience to you, it is not possible.

However, your obedience to God will provoke the angels to work for you, even when you do not command them or activate them through your prayers. They will still work for you because you honour God and obey His commandment.

Daniel is a good example. He did not pray to God for angelic intervention; neither did he command them to work for him. But his obedience to God provoked the angels to work for his divine safety and protection from the mouth of the Lions.

Chapter 6

The Name of Jesus

The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
Proverbs 18:10

The name of Jesus is high above every other name. There is tremendous power behind that name that makes all circumstances of life to bow under its control. That name is the greatest inheritance and privilege of every believer.

It is interesting to know that there is nothing in the heaven and in the earth that does not have a name. In fact, everything that is in the sea has a name, but the name of Jesus is above them all.

The name of Jesus is the family name of the whole body of Christ in heaven and on earth. There is one family in heaven, these are the saints of God who lived on the earth and died; and gone home to be with the Lord. So also there is another part of the family who are still on the earth, they are all born again Christians who were saved by the blood of the lamb.

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
Ephesians 3:14-15

Here we could see that there is one family in heaven and there is another part of the family on the earth. However the two families have a common family name - Jesus. This name is universal, as it has been given unto Him by His Father – God.

Besides, the name is the same in every part of the world. The same power it has in Africa is the same power it has in America, Asia and in the other parts of the world.

Not only that, this name Jesus, is also recognized in the kingdom of darkness and when believers call upon this name, the devil and his cohorts have no option but to bow to it.

However, the name of Jesus is His destiny. His name carries the entire mission He came to do on the earth, i.e. redemption, healing, prosperity,

soundness, forgiveness, deliverance, safety and protection of all mankind that believe in His name.

God the Father gave that name 'Jesus' to His Son, and since that day His name moved Him to do everything that God sent him to do on the earth.

The Holy Scripture says,

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Philippians 2:9-10

God gave Him that name so that the believer can use it to silence every attacks of the enemy. It is a name that comes to our rescue when called upon in times of trouble.

There is an anointing upon that name that makes it the name above every other name. When the believer calls that name, there is a power and virtue that flows out of it to break every yokes of the devil.

Know this, poverty is a name, sickness and disease is a name, death is a name. But there is a name that is above every other name and that name is Jesus Christ. When we call that name, we must expect our freedom and miracle. The Bible says, "*Whosoever that calls upon the name of the Lord Jesus shall be saved*". (Romans10:13)

Safety in His Name

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psalms 20:7

The name of Jesus is the guarantee that every believer has for his safety and protection. His name is strong enough to keep us from every danger and attacks of the enemy.

In Proverbs 18, the name of the Lord is likened to a strong tower. A tower in the Bible days was a place of protection and safety. It was like the pent house built on the top of the mountain, which is not easy for the enemy to reach during war.

Besides, a tower is also built on a strategic place that allows the soldier to see their enemies from a far distance and launch attacks on them before they get closer.

In those days, towers were built on the top of mountains. Why? Because from the height of the tower soldiers can see their enemies and easily shoot arrows at them.

Towers, apart from their height, are usually very strong so that arrows cannot easily penetrate through. So when David compared the name of the Lord to a strong tower which the righteous can run into and find safety, what he is saying is that the name of the Lord is the believers' strong tower and whosoever that calls upon Him shall be safe and protected.

The Bible says,

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Romans 10:13

Believers need to know how to call upon the name of Jesus in times of trouble and He will answer then speedily. David said, "I call upon his name in times of trouble, He answered me and delivered me from the mouth of my enemies" (Psalms 18:3; 55:16; 86:7; 91:15)

The name of Jesus is stronger than the strong tower and powerful than every other name in heaven, on the earth and under the earth. If His name worked for the apostles and other children of God, it will also work for you too.

The trust we have in His name will determine whether it will work for us or not. David further said, "*Some trust in chariots and some in horses but we will trust in the name of the Lord.*" Those who trusted in chariots and horses fell in times of trouble, but those who trust in the Lord remain standing upright. (Psalms 20:6-8).

The name of the Lord is our security; we must know how to run into it for our safety in times of trouble. The provision for our safety has been provided for already by God through the name of His Son, it is left to us to put our trust in His name.

I remember a story, as narrated by a man of God in Nigeria; it was one of those powerful stories that increase my trust in the use of Jesus name.

The man along with some of his ministers were travelling to the northern part of the country in his car. They got to a particular narrow bridge that could take only a vehicle at a time.

They entered this bridge at a high speed and met a truck coming from the opposite direction with equal high velocity. He had two options. To collide with the truck or to swerve into the river. At that critical time, the only thing that came to his mind to do was to call the name of Jesus.

According to his testimony, the next thing that happened was that they found their car at the other side of the bridge and they continued their journey. The most amazing thing to him was that he did not know how they passed through the bridge.

He couldn't just explain whether the bridge expanded to contain the two vehicles to pass through, or their car flew over the truck to the other side or the car went through the under the truck to the other side. Whatever happened was a miracle activated through the operation of the name of Jesus.

The vital thing we can learn from this story is that he called upon the name of Jesus and deliverance and protection from death came to their rescue.

The Bible says the name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runs into it and they are safe. (Proverb 18:10)

The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.
Proverbs 21:31

Safety has nothing to do with the mode of transportation you take, either on the road, train, sea or air. The truth is that safety is of the Lord. The probability of an accident happening on the road is as high as that of the air. It is the Lord that can protect us from all evil.

The word of God says, you can prepare the horse for the day of battle; but safety is still in the hand of God. David said, except the Lord watch over the city, the guards are watching in vain. (Psalms 127:1).

Let me conclude this by sharing the story of a missionary who went to a region where preaching of the gospel of the gospel is prohibited. This man was arrested for preaching and he was put in prison.

In an attempt to kill him, they poisoned his food and water, but he did not die. They gave the same food to dogs and other animals and they all died.

Finally, they called this missionary and asked him what his secret was. They confessed that they had poisoned his food and water to kill him yet he did not die. And this same food killed other animals that ate it.

This missionary said, *“The only thing I did is to bless the food by faith in the name of Jesus and the food and water became preserved from any form of poison”*.

He further told them what Jesus said to His disciples in Mark 16: 17-18.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17-18

The secret of this missionary was that he hid himself under the power that is in the name of Jesus. This can be your testimony also, if you learn how to use the name of Jesus for your protection.

Divine protection is eternally provided for in our redemption package. It is our privilege as children of God and it is your turn to begin to enjoy your safety in His name.

Chapter 7

The Word of God

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Proverb 30:5

The word of God is another powerful provision for divine protection. The word of God is pure, powerful and is a shield to them that put their trust in Him. God and His word are one; they cannot be separated from each other.

King Solomon describes the word of God as a shield. As earlier described, shield is a piece of armour used by Roman soldiers to protect themselves in the battle front. It is to protect them from the arrows of the enemies.

The word of God cannot be seen, because it is a spiritual weapon, but its effect can be seen. God want us to use His word, put it in our mouth and release it with faith in our heart. It cannot be seen, but its effects can be seen.

God want us to speak positive words in the midst of our troubles. You cannot speak death and yet desire life, you cannot speak poverty and desire prosperity, you cannot speak danger and disaster and want to live in safety and protection.

The Bible says,

A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:20-21

It is certain that a man cannot speak negative and expect positive things in his life. Whatsoever a man sows with his lips, the same shall he also reap in his life. Your divine protection has been settled by God, it is your responsibility to claim it by faith with your confession.

God wants us to hold fast to our confession of faith because the devil may want it to slip away from our mouth. To hold fast means to keep on

saying the same thing until positive result comes. (Hebrews 4:14). Apostle Paul also said we should hold firmly to the hope we have confessed, because we can trust God to do what He promised. (Hebrews 10:23).

My word defeats the devil. It is a tried and tested strategy. Not what someone told me. It is written in the book of Revelation that we overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of our testimony. (Revelation 12:11)

The Word Can Create

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Hebrews 11:3

The words of our mouth are anointed by God to create either positive or negative impacts. That is why we must take heed to every word that we speak. The Bible says, the whole world was created by the word of God. That means God created this world by His word.

It is possible for us to create divine protection and safety in our environment. You can speak positive things about your life and it will come to pass. That confirms that life and death is in the power of the tongue.

God is not responsible for anything that happens in our life, because He has given us power of choice and he has also backed it up with power. So, whatever we say is what we will get. God said to the children of Israel that, “...As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you”. Numbers 14:28

Though God has made provision for our safety in redemption, yet we may not enjoy it if we don't speak right and claim it with our words. You need to make a bold declaration of your victory over any attacks of the devil before you see it. However you cannot see what you don't say, neither can you experience it in your life.

The story of David and Goliath was a good example; he declared victory over Goliath before he saw the victory. (I Samuel 17:45-46) So also you must confess what you want as regards your protection before you see it.

As an itinerant evangelist, I always confess boldly about my journeys that I cannot die/get injured in any accident because I am fully protected by God. His angels are my spiritual bodyguards whenever I travel; they are always around me. In fact, I am conscious of the fact that God is with me when I travel either on the road or by air. I just believe that; He that watches over me never sleeps nor slumber. I usually confess Psalm 34:20, that says, *“He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken”*.

I am so much conscious of this covenant word of God that, if per chance I get involved in any accident, I have the confidence that I cannot suffer any hurt at all. God has said He will keep all my bones, not one of them will be broken. I so much believe this and I walk in its reality.

Dear friend, you need to be confident in the word of God, and build your faith in God’s promises. God’s word cannot fail, neither will God fail when He says, *“I will keep you from all evil.”* (Psalms 121:7) Therefore, you must declare with your mouth what God’s word said about your protection.

Your word is a container that carries your miracles, until you release it with your mouth; you will never receive it in your life. You need to know that your word is full of potentialities that can cause the power of God to be activated to work miracles for you.

That means your word can bind you or your word can set you free. It depends on how positively or negatively you use your tongue. (Proverbs 6:2).

The word of God in your mouth is your weapon of warfare. (Ephesians 6:17). The devil fears the believer who knows His right in the word of God. He knows that our victory is in the word of God. (Revelation 12:11).

It is also important for you to know that, your confession must absolutely agree with the word of God before it can produce results for you. The saying is true that, *“No man is greater than his word”* If you see a man that will make it in life, it will show in his great word.

This implies that, you cannot speak big and live small, you cannot speak healing and live in sickness and you cannot confess success and experience failure. Whatever a man concentrates his time to confess, will eventually become his experience, either good or bad.

Nobody can separate a man from his word because a man and his word are one. So nobody lives above what he says about himself.

The Bible says,

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Proverbs 13:3

God cannot do for you more than what He hear you say to Him. God said, as you have spoken to my ears, so will I do unto you. Numbers 14:28 Jesus also confirmed this when He said, “*For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*” (Matthew 12:37).

With the above statement of Jesus, I have concluded that, we can locate people’s faith or doubts by the words that come out of their mouth.

Your words depict the level of your faith. When you maintain right confession, it will make the power of God available to you in times of trouble; call the attention of heaven to your aid and turn the impossibility to become possible.

Faith Filled Word

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Romans 10:8

I have said that the word of God is one of the provisions for our divine safety. However, it is our ability to trust the word of God and confess it with faith in our heart that produces the result.

It is not just speaking the word of God that produces the result; it is rather the speaking of the ‘faith filled word’ that produces the result. There is an evidence of faith or doubt in every word of our mouth. But there is an assurance that we will have what we say, if it comes with faith from our heart.

God has put grace on our lips and He will put His blessing on whatsoever we say. (Psalm 45:1-2). So, definitely, you will attract whatever you confess; either blessing or evil.

The word of God is not devoid of power; it is only powerless when it is unspoken. Your word will reach your destination before you get there.

The word is a spirit that is why it cannot be seen, but we can see its effect physically. Anytime we speak the word of God, it ceases to be ordinary. The word will first change things in the spirit world before it changes things in the physical world. (John 6:63). There is no distance in the spirit realm where your words cannot reach.

One man of God said, *“If men would believe God’s word and confess it, long prayers are not necessary.”*

God’s creative power is given to man in form of His words. It was the same word that He spoke when He created the earth by saying “Let there be.” God’s word becomes inactive, until it is propelled into action by our confessions.

Faith filled words ignites other faith; it releases other faith which are dormant and inactive. Your faith is released by speaking; if you don’t speak it won’t be released. This is the same with God. He releases His faith by His word. (Genesis 1:1-3; Hebrews 11:1-3).

When you speak the word of God before every oppositions, and contradictions, the devil has no choice but to bow to the word of God.

Jesus may not be physically present with us, but we have Him in word form. Like the English will say, He is as good as His word. Jesus can do whatever His word can do and Jesus word can do what He can do.

So, the word of God is our shield, it is our safety and protection. God wants us to saturate our life with His word because it is our security for victorious Christian living.

Don’t ever confess negative no matter how difficult the problem may be. When we are weak, the Bible says, “... Let the weak say, *I am strong*”. (Joel 3:10). When you are sick, the Bible says, *“And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick...”* (Isaiah 33:24). When you are facing death and diseases that want to take away your life, the Bible says we should declare, *“... I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD”*. (Psalm 118:17).

Dear reader, this is the way God wants us to live in victory and protection, by declaring what God has done for us through His redemption that is in the blood of Jesus Christ.

The word of God in your mouth is your shield of protection, so keep speaking it, it shall work for you.

Chapter 8

The Shield of Faith

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:16

I have shared extensively on many provisions for our divine protection and safety. But all these provisions cannot work for us without our faith in operation.

Faith is our eyes into the realm of the spirit; it is our link to where God and His divine provisions operate. Therefore, it takes the instrumentality of our faith in God and in His provisions to make it work for us.

I have never seen: Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the blood of Jesus, the angels. But by faith I believe that they exist, that is why I experience them in my life and ministry.

It is my faith in the reality of these provisions for protection that makes them work for me. So it is only doubt and unbelief that can make these provisions not to be a reality in your life.

I have never seen God at any time, yet I believe in Him, besides I have never seen Jesus and I still gave my life to Him. I have never seen the Holy Spirit, yet I got filled with Him. So also is all the provisions of divine protection, you don't need to see them before you believe in them and put them to work in your life.

So, faith is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us; even though we cannot see it up ahead.

Therefore, if the word of God says, God has made full provisions for our safety and protections and you believe it; that settles it.

Walking By Faith

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Corinthians 5:7

There is nothing we can do or achieve for God without faith; virtually everything we do is by faith. We were saved by faith. (Ephesians 2:8). We receive our healing by faith. (James 5:13-14). We also receive answers to our prayers by faith. (Mark 11:23-24). We worship God and serve Him by faith. (Hebrews 11:6). We received the Holy Spirit by faith. (Galatians 3:14). We also engage in spiritual warfare by faith. (Ephesians 6:16).

You can see now that everything we receive from God is by faith. That is why Apostle Paul said, *“For we walk by faith, not by sight”*.

Besides, I have never seen the devil in my entire life; but I believe that he exists in the unseen world and his wicked works shows that he exists.

The same is with God and His provisions for divine safety. We cannot see them, but they are so real and effective in the unseen world. The weapons of our warfare are not physical; but they are spiritual and they are mighty through God to pull down strongholds.

When God told Moses to command the Israelites to sprinkle the blood on the pillar of their houses as an indication of divine protection, they complied by faith. This they did by putting their faith in the blood of the animals, according to Old Covenant beliefs and they were saved from the angel of death that killed the first born of all the Egyptians.

I believe that it was not the blood of bulls that protected them from death. The Egyptians could have done the same that same night and still be killed by the angel of death.

But what made the angel of death to pass over them was their faith in the blood and their obedience to all that God commanded them to do with the blood. So also the blood of Jesus and all the provision for divine protection will not work for you until you exercise your faith in them.

However, faith is an essential requirement in our walk with God; it is a non-negotiable part of our relationship with God who cannot be seen, touched or perceived with our physical senses.

It takes our spiritual sense which is faith to hear Him, feel Him, touch Him and perceive Him. We need faith to walk with Him. The Bible says, we walk by faith not by sight.

You cannot benefit from what you do not know exists. You must first know that these provisions of safety is real after which put your trust in them.

Thereafter you will begin to enjoy the dividends of these eternal provisions of God for our divine safety and provisions.

How Faith Works

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith
2Timothy 4:7

Faith is a living principle; it can work for anybody that knows how to put it to work. Many have applied faith several times and it did not work. Yes it may not work for them if they did not apply it correctly.

In my Christian walk, I have applied my faith several times for some things and it did not work for me. That does not mean faith is not working. It may not work for me, but it has worked for several people.

But as I grow up in Christ, my faith also grows. The same thing I applied my faith for in time past and did not receive, now when I apply it for the same thing; my faith get it done for me.

Your faith can work for you if you can tune to the frequency where it works. If your radio cannot pick frequency from a particular station of your choice, the problem is not with the radio station, but it could be your location or the poor connectivity of your radio. It could also be due to the fact that you did not tune correctly to the frequency where that station can be picked.

The same thing happens to our faith, it works anywhere at any time, if we can tune to the frequency where it works. Your faith can work for you; you must know how faith works.

Paul was a great man of God who did mighty miracles and wonders for God, yet he was humble enough to tell us how he did them by faith. He had many oppositions in his life and ministry, yet he was able to subdue them by His faith.

Our journey as believers starts by faith and must end by faith. Many believers started their journey with God by faith, but as time went by they lost their faith and made a shipwreck of their life and ministry. God will

be glorified if we can like Paul say at the end of our journey on earth that, *“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. (2Timothy4:7)*

I have discovered that everything in life responds to your faith. Faith is the anchor through which we can receive our blessings from the realm of the spirit into the physical world. It is the channel through which we can get our blessings from God.

Faith is what we lay hold on in spiritual warfare and it is our fight of faith that guarantees our victory in spiritual warfare. Apostle Paul said, some people have put away their faith and it had led to their shipwreck in life and ministry. (1Timothy1:18-20).

We keep our boat floating on the sea of life by faith and without faith our boat is on its way down to the bed of the sea.
So every child of God must know what faith is, how faith works, and how faith increases.

Faith is Your Shield

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Ephesians 6:16

In the Roman times a shield is used to cover the chest of the soldier so as to protect him from being hurt. Likewise faith is your weapon of warfare, it is your victory and much more, it is your shield of protection against all the attacks of the devil.

Every soldier knows the importance of a shield at the battle front. He uses it for his safety and protection. No successful soldier has ever gone to war without some protective guard that can protect him against the fiery darts of the enemies.

Faith is an essential requirement you need to stop the devil from advancing in his wicked works in your life. It is your link into the realm where the spirit of God is in control.

Many times over, I have been attacked by the enemy's fiery dart. Despite that, I remain unharmed because my faith is my shield, and it blocks/diverts all the enemies' arrows.

Paul wrote the book of Ephesians while in prison. He was familiar with the way the Roman soldiers dress. The dressing of the Roman soldier is not complete without the shield in place.

There are some special shields that the Roman soldier uses that can cover their whole body from their head to the feet.

So also is faith, it can cover the whole body of a believer. Your faith has the potential to quench all the attacks of the devil against your life and family.

Living by Faith

For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17

About four times the Bible says, “*The just shall live by faith.*” (Hebrews 10:38; Galatians 3:1; Romans 1:17; Habakkuk 2:4) That means faith is what we live by, it is actually our way of living, our lifestyle as a believer.

Many people think prayer is what they need to get total victory from their enemies. So they engage in warfare prayers, yet they get little or no result. What most Christians do not understand is that prayer cannot work without faith.

It is actually your faith that makes your prayer works, not the other way round.

Besides, some Christians think that if they can just pray long enough for many hours or some days, they will get their solutions faster. There is no surer way to frustration than that. Prayer without faith produces zero result.

Though every prayer we ever said is not a waste, it is an investment into our spiritual growth. But when it comes to demanding for our needs from God, prayer cannot work without faith; because without faith it is impossible to please God.

Friends, prayer does not make your faith to work, it is your faith that makes prayer work. Jesus said, “*Therefore I say unto you, What things*

soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. (Mark 11:24).

Apostle James also explained that a double minded man should not think he can receive anything from the Lord. (James 1:5-8). Your believing is what leads to your receiving; therefore, without faith it is impossible to please God or receive anything from the Lord. (Hebrews 11:6).

In Luke 22:31-32, Jesus said this to Peter,

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Luke 22:31-32

Faith is what will give you the victory. It was what gave Simon Peter victory over Satan's attacks. When your faith fails not, you can never fail. But when your faith fails, you have failed already.

When the believer falls to the attacks of the enemy, it is because his faith is not strong enough to withstand and quench the fiery arrows of the enemy.

The Holy Scripture says,

If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small.

Proverbs 24:10

I love another translation of Proverbs 24:10, which says, *"If you fall in the times of trouble, you are made of inferior materials."*

That means, components of your faith, are made of a less quality material. That is why it cannot withstand the pressure of the enemy's attack.

Besides, Jesus specifically told us that Peter's faith kept him from falling when he was attacked by the devil; by saying *"...Thy faith fail not."* (Luke 22:32) Faith comes by the word of God. (Romans 10:17).

My deepest desire is for us to work on our faith life, so that our faith can be strong enough to resist the dangerous arrows of the enemies.

The Bible did not say that Satan will not attempt to attack believers, he will! But the Bible assures us that, his arrows will not reach us. In fact, we will not feel the impact of his attacks, because our faith will quench all the fiery arrows of the enemy.

Moreover, Jesus said in Luke 10:19 that, *“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and overcome all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”*

This suggests that we are fully secured by God’s provisions for our protection from any attacks of the devil. Faith is your shield and it is required in your good fight in order to get your good victory.

Faith is every believer’s weapon of warfare and it is our divine provision for safety and protection. When our faith is strong in the word of God and it is tuned to the right frequency, it will protect us from death, sickness, diseases, destructions and from all the attacks of the enemies.

Beloved, Faith is truly our victory and our provision for your divine protection.

Chapter 9

The Presence of God

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.
Exodus 33:14

In this chapter I will discuss the last provision of God for divine protection which is, 'The presence of God.' The presence of God is the Holy Spirit, it is called the anointing.

The children of Israel in particular enjoyed the presence of God, in the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land. They were led out of Egypt by the presence of God, which is represented by the pillar of fire by night and pillar of cloud by the day.

The Bible says,

He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.
Exodus 13:22

God secured their divine protection by keeping them under His divine presence, and in as much they were under this pillar of God's presence, every evil or danger in the wilderness was kept at a distance from them.

With this understanding Moses said to the Lord, "*Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence*". Exodus 33:13-15

Moses enjoyed the protective grace of being under the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire, he knew how the presence of God parted the red sea before them and they walked on the dried ground. He knew how all their enemies fell before them because they were under the presence of God. Moses could not avoid leading the Israelites without the presence of God following them.

Apostle Paul also mentioned this he said, “*Our fathers were under the cloud in the wilderness, and all passed through the sea. And were all baptised under Moses in the cloud and in the sea*”. (1Corinthians 10:1-4) That means they were completely immersed with the presence of God that follow them.

The presence of God in our life is the assurance that we are not alone, that is, God is right there with us. He will not leave us nor forsake us all the days of our life. (Hebrews 11:5)

This presence of God we are talking about is the manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the carrier of God’s presence; He manifested God in various places at the same time. God the Father has never left His throne once, yet He is at every place at the same time. His presence is felt all over the world; this is possible because the Holy Spirit carries His presence to everywhere at the same time.

The Holy Spirit is not just a wind, fire or a cloud; He is a person and He is God. He does not manifest His presence, He only manifests the presence of God the Father, and this is because He is the Spirit that proceeds from the Father.

King David was another man who knew about the presence of God. He knew that without the presence of God, he is at the mercy of the enemies. He knew that the security for his safety and protection is to dwell in the secret place of the Lord, which is the presence of the Almighty God.

The scripture says,

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1

The secret place and the shadow of the Almighty connotes the presence of God. When a man abides under the shadow of the Almighty, he is totally protected from all kinds of attacks of the devil.

You cannot be with God and still be attacked by the enemies. It is not possible!

Besides, David desired the presence of God more than the house of gold. He said the one thing he desired above all other things was to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life. (Psalms 27:4).

Obviously, David loved the presence of the Lord; he knew that without it, his enemies would have killed him.

Though he lived in a house built with gold, yet he said, he would rather live in the house of the Lord or be a gate keeper in the house of the Lord than to live in a house built with gold devoid of the presence of God.

His emphasis was that the house of God is full of His presence and it is much better than anything that money can buy.

Take Not Your presence

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Psalms 51:11

David as a young shepherd boy, was anointed by Samuel the man of God in 1Samuel 16:13. And immediately Samuel anointed him with oil, his life was transformed and the Spirit of God rested upon him from that day.

He was able to kill lions, bears and even the giant Goliath. He was supernaturally protected and did mighty things for God because the Spirit of God was upon him.

David spent most of the forty years he reigned as king of Israel fighting wars. He had more battles encounters than all other kings mentioned in the Bible.

In all these battles, he subdued all his enemies by the Spirit of the Lord that was upon him.

At a time in his life, he prayed to God not to cast him out of His presence nor take away His Holy Spirit from him. He said this prayer when Nathan the prophet confronted him after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and also killed her husband.

He knew that the sin he had committed had driven the Holy Spirit away from his life. David knew the importance of the presence of God; he knew if God could take away his presence from him, he could be killed

by his enemies as King Saul was killed in battle after the Spirit of God departed from him. (1Samuel 16:14)

He knew that that the protective shield of God would leave him the moment the presence of God left him.

David had to pray for repentance of his sins and for restoration of the presence of God upon his life because that was the only security for his safety and protection.

Anointed With Oil

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Psalms 23:5

In the above scripture, David was alluding to the relationship between the sheep and its shepherd. The protection, feeding and general care of the sheep is in the hand of the shepherd.

So, if the Lord is your shepherd, He will take good care of all your needs. In fact, He is going to protect us from all our enemies and anoint our heads with oil.

David was anointed in the midst of his enemies and this anointing protected him from being harmed by them. If David was protected by the Spirit of God in the Old Testament, how much more shall we be protected in the New Testament, which is the dispensation of the fullness of the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

There is no way the Spirit of God will be upon your life and evil spirits will still touch you. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, that means, wherever we are, that is where the Holy Spirit is. So we cannot be harmed either physically or spiritually.

I got a better understanding of the statement made by David when he said God anointed his head with oil and his cup runs over.

I schooled in the Northern part of Nigeria where their major occupation was farming and animal rearing. During a particular season of the year, flies began to trouble the animals on the field disturbing them from grazing and making them to be abnormally restless. This situation usually

led to miscarriages by some pregnant animals while some died of some diseases.

The shepherd usually rises to the situation by rubbing ointment upon the heads and the tails of their animals, which are the major parts that this flies attacks in such seasons. As soon as the fly perches on the head or the tails of these animals and they perceive the oil, they fly away. The oil prevents the sheep from being troubled by the flies.

Of course David being a shepherd boy must have known of this “anointing strategy” that was why in Psalm 23, he used the same example to refer to God as our great shepherd; who anoints the heads of all His children with oil in the presence of all their enemies and making their cup to run over; such that their enemies will not be able to harm them.

God’s anointing is upon every true child of God and this anointing repels evils and dangers from our lives.

Thus when a believer is anointed; he or she cannot be touched by the enemies because that anointing will be his safety and protection.

Anointing Protects

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

1Samuel 16:14

The devil never sleeps. He is continually launching attacks against our life day and night. Attacks that we may not even be aware of but which the anointing of God quenches and prevents from harming us..

Whilst the Spirit of God was upon King Saul, the anointing protected him and gave him victory in all his battles. He was blessed by God who promoted him right from the day he was anointed as a king of Israel in 1Samuel 10:1.

But when the presence of God departed from him, he was uncovered, unprotected and he became exposed to the attacks of the enemies. In fact, as soon as the Spirit of God left him, evil spirits came to torment him.

Saul lost his protection and strength when the anointing departed from him; that was why he was unable to fight Goliath when he came against Israel in 1Samuel 17. The Bible said, there was no man that could

withstand Goliath including King Saul, until David who had been anointed to replace Saul came.

Saul could not dare to fight Goliath because he knew he was vulnerable since the anointing had left him. He had to wait for a man who had the anointing to fight the battle.

The Bible says,

Saying, touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Psalms 105:15

This anointing is our weapon of warfare and it is for our divine protection against all the attacks of the devil. We cannot be defeated or hindered by the devil, because God has commanded, “*touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm*”.

The good news is that, every born again child of God is anointed by God with the presence of the Holy Spirit and no harm from any quarters can hurt him/her.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

Isaiah 10:27

Of course, we understand that yokes and burdens come from the devil and not from God. Yokes connote bondage, it also connote problems of all kinds. Satan is behind every yoke and bondages on the earth and his target is to destroy the destiny of man.

But God has promised that the yokes shall be destroyed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Irrespective of the length of years one has been under that yoke and burdens of the devil, when this anointing comes upon one's life, it destroys the yokes completely and separates one from that bondage.

Standard of the Spirit

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Isaiah 59:19

This is a scripture that has often been misinterpreted by many because of the way the King James translator puts it. The fact is that the enemy cannot come like a flood, it is only the Spirit of God that can come like a flood as He came like a rushing mighty wind in Acts 2:1-4.

The Good News Bible, it says it better. *“From east to west everyone will fear him and his great power. He will come like a rushing river, like a strong wind.”*

Friends, it is the Spirit of the Lord that can come quickly like a fast flowing river blown by a powerful wind from the Lord, to carry away all the activities of the devil in your life.

Prophet Isaiah said, the Spirit of the Lord is a standard against the enemy. I am not afraid of our principal enemy, the devil because I have the flood of the Holy Spirit within me. He comes when necessary to flush out all the works of the enemy.

One of the believer’s principal weapons of warfare against the enemy is the Spirit of God; He is one of the securities that guarantees our divine protection and victory.

It takes power to rule in the midst of your enemies (Psalms 110:1-3); God has given His Spirit to empower the church against spiritual battles that is beyond our human strength.

This same anointing which is the presence of God is our divine provision for our divine safety and protection.

Chapter 10

Activating the Covenant

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:6

A covenant is a promise of loyalty that a person makes to another, confirming it with an oath. It also means an agreement of responsibility that two people enter into; of which any party that breaches or fails to do his or her part of the agreement will be guilty of the law.

Every word of God in the Old and New Testament is full of His covenant word. Not only that, the whole Bible is called the book of covenant. That means God has said some words or made some promises in His covenant book that cannot be changed.

In fact, God promised David that, *“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips”*. (Psalms 89:34). All that David did is to believe in the promises that God made with him and he walked in the consciousness of that covenant word.

I love David, he knew about the covenant of safety and protection he had with God. He was always conscious of it and he knew that God was always with him in all the danger he faced in his life. That was why he said, *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me”*. (Psalms 23:4).

When believers are conscious of the covenant of safety they have with God, their heart will be settled, always at peace in every problem they may face because they strongly believe that God is with them.

Nobody enjoys the blessings of the covenant until he or she is conscious of it. You need to be aware that you are in a relationship with God, and He has promised some benefits for you to enjoy.

Many believers live in poverty, sickness, fear of danger and some even die because they do not know that God is always by their side. We are not alone, God is with us, He lives in us and He is for us.

Jesus has promised that He will be with us even till the end of the world. (Matthew 28:20). Not only that, He also promised to send the Holy Spirit to us who will be with us forever. (John 14:16-17).

God also promised us that, "When thou passeth through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee". (Isaiah 43:2).

This is one of the promises of God which if we can believe and walk in its consciousness, it will work for us.

Therefore, you don't need to be afraid of danger, poverty, sickness, death, war, earthquakes and even the devil. Why? Because God is all around you. You should be more God conscious than evil conscious.

You must be conscious of the covenant of blessing and safety than the danger all around you; God has promised that they will not come near you.

This new covenant that is in the blood of Jesus is a better covenant. It cannot be compared with the covenant that God made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, and all the Old Testament saints, which has its support on the blood of bulls and calves. This new covenant is far better than the old.

If all the believers can understand this better covenant; it will change the conception we have about God and solidify our relationship with Him. Not only that, it will improve our standard of living as a Christian.

Principles of Activating the Covenant

The divine provision of God for the safety and protection of His people would work when it is rightly applied. God has put certain laws in motion on which the world is governed.

The principles in God's word are eternal and universal; it can work at any time for anybody that applies it correctly. The laws of God must be activated and be in operation before it can work for us.

Some years ago, I received a text message on my mobile phone from the mobile network I had subscribed to, informing me about free calls bonanza the following day for all subscribers on that network.

The implication was that I could call for free all my friends and family members who are on the same network. It was a Christmas bonanza. But this free call had a condition I must fulfil before I can enjoy the benefits provided.

They said, the subscribers must activate the free calls by dialling a certain code before 12:00am. And the SMS came on my phone around 10:00pm. It meant I had only two hours to activate it in order to enjoy the free calls the following morning.

I was so tired that particular night and deeply asleep when that text message came on my phone. I read it half asleep, though I understood it, but could not successfully activate it before I slept off finally.

There was a benefit for me to enjoy as one of the subscribers of this network, but I was unable to grasp it because I did not activate the benefits. The same is with the covenant blessing of God, they are for all the children of God, but if we don't activate this covenant, we will not enjoy it.

The painful part of the story was that many people took advantage of the bonanza to call me for free throughout that day, but I was unable to enjoy the same benefits because I did not activate my SIM card to enjoy it. Though I was one of the subscribers of that network, yet I did not enjoy the benefits that others enjoyed.

This is the problem of many children of God; God has given us several promises in His word, such as covenant of healing, prosperity, safety, soundness, preservation, long life and so on. But if we don't activate the principle that makes this promises works, we will never enjoy it.

One may see other Christians enjoying those covenant blessings, but may not see them happening in one's life. One may even worship at the same church with them, but may not enjoy what they enjoy because one did not do what they did.

Now, I will share with you some principles from Gods word that makes this covenant of safety and protection work. If you activate them, they will work for you too.

1. Trust In The Covenant

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Proverbs 29:25

The word trust simply means the belief or willingness to believe that one can rely on the goodness, strength, ability and the promise of another.

It will be difficult for you to activate the covenant of divine protection if you cannot trust on the ability, strength and the promises of God that He is able to keep you from all evil and protect you from all danger.

The Bible says, those who put their trust in the Lord shall be safe. However, it is your trust in the Lord that will make His provision for safety work for you. No matter how much you desire to be protected by God, if you can't trust Him for it, it will not work for you.

So, the first principle for activating the covenant of protection is to trust God for your protection by believing in His promises; mixed with faith in His word. The Bible says, without faith it is impossible to please God.

David trusted in the protection of God by saying that, *“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.* (Psalms 18:2)

Don't join those who trust in chariots, horses, men, they always fail. But when you put your trust in the name of the Lord, you will be safe and protected. (Psalms 20:7).

The bible said,

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

Psalms 118:8.

Some Christians find it very difficult to trust in God because they have faced many disappointments from men, and they think that God is like men that always promise and break His promises.

It is ridiculous to compare God the creator of the earth with man whose breath is in his nostrils. Man will definitely fail, but God cannot fail.

Heaven and earth may pass away, but a single dot from God's word will never fail, except to come into fulfilment.

If God said He will keep you from all evil, trust in Him and activate that promise with faith in your heart and it will work for you. The faith and trust you have in the Lord will release the power of God to move into action in your life. Divine safety is real, if you can activate it by trusting in the Lord for your protection.

2. Dwelling In The Secret Place

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Psalms 91:1

The second principle for activating the covenant of protection is to abide in the secret place of the Almighty God. God wants all His children to dwell in His presence, because the shadow of the Almighty is strong enough to protect us from all evils.

There are three ways the believer can dwell in the secret place of the most High God and abide under the shadow of the Almighty God.

a. Abiding In The Word

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:7

This speaks of constant and regular meditation on the word of God. We must dwell on the word of God and make it rich in our heart. (Colossians 3:16). The reason is because; the word of God will build our faith to have capacity to trust in the Lord.

Faith comes by hearing the word of God, and the more of the word you have in your heart, the more faith you have in the covenant of divine provisions of God. (Romans 10:17).

b. Abide In Prayer

Prayer is another secret place of the Most High God; it is a must for every believer to pray, because our life source is prayer. Jesus admonished,

“when you pray, enter into your closet and your Father which you seek in secret will reward you openly”. (Matthew 6:6).

Prayer is the secret place of the Almighty God, it is a place where you dwell and the devil cannot reach you. It is a place of safety and protection. God does not want us to visit the place of prayer; He wants us to dwell there. Therefore, prayer is another way to activate the covenant of safety and protection. Also, your prayers must not be negative; it must be the positive; anchored on the word of God.

c. Abide In Fellowship

The third way of abiding in the secret place of the Almighty is to fellowship constantly with God in deep worship and praise. (John 4:23-24). Worshipping God makes you to carry a part of God’s presence in your life.

Our fellowship must be with the Father, with Jesus and with the Holy Spirit. (1John 1:7). Not only that, we must fellowship with other brethren. Apostle Paul advised Christians not to neglect the fellowship of fellow Christians. When we fellowship together, we will benefit from corporate anointing which is also for our divine protection. (Hebrews 10:25).

3. Positive Confession

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Proverbs 18:21

The word confession means to witness to the truth that you have believed. It also means to proclaim, to declare, to speak forth, to verbalise or to profess to the things or truth that you have embraced. It also means testifying to something you know or to affirm something you believe.

It is true that our salvation and our safety is in our mouth, God has put the power of life and death in our tongue. It is now our responsibility to use it for our advantage. So our situation depends so much on our tongue.

The principle of divine protection can be activated by our positive confessions. When you declare what God’s word says about safety and protection, it means you have accepted God’s provision for your safety, and you have committed Him to do what He has promised. But with your

negative confession however, you have rejected God's provision for protection in your life.

God cannot do more than what He hears you speak into His ears. (Numbers 14:28). He becomes totally handicapped by your negative confession. It is high time God's people realised that their confession about God and His word, really affects His response towards them. Jesus said,

For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.
Matthew 12:37

The tongue has so much power to condition our lives to whatever we say. So your justification or your condemnation is in your mouth. Your success or your failure, your death or your life, your weakness or your strength, your freedom or your slavery, your long life or your short life, your plenty or your scarcity, all are in the power of your tongue.

It is true that the tongue sharpens our destiny to whatever we confess. So your life will definitely go in the direction of your confession. It is important to speak positively because your positive confession will activate your covenant of divine protection.

Beloved, God wants us to confess positive in every situation we find ourselves, either good or bad. And if we don't know what to do in difficult times, we should just give thanks to God, because this is good and powerful enough to change our situation for good.

4. Positive Thinking

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."
Proverbs 23:7

God made us a free moral agent. He gave us power to think and to make decisions for ourselves. Moreover, the thoughts of our heart has a lot to do with our destiny, it gives direction to our life.

The life of a man goes in the direction of his thought. However, no man is greater than the thoughts of his heart. You cannot think on failure and succeed in life, it is not possible.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. That means if you think about divine protection, you will experience divine protection. If you also think

about failure, death, accident, the same will be your experience, because a man will definitely experience whatsoever he thinks.

The mind of a man is a battle ground; the devil is always launching fiery darts of evil thoughts to claim our minds as his territory so that he can take away our victory in God. God however wants us to attack every negative thought that the devil may bring into our heart with the word of God and cast them down.

The Bible says,

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

2Corinthians 10:5

It is your responsibility to cast down every evil thoughts and imaginations of the devil. Satan will always try to build the stronghold of sickness, death, accident, failure, etc, in your mind, so that you can think about it and make it difficult for you to believe the word of God for your life. Today you must pull them down in Jesus name.

Get up now! It is high time you begin to think about your redemption rights which safety and protection is included. There is provision for your safety in God in spite of all the evil around.

You need to renew your mind with the word of God. (Romans 12:1-2) Replace all the negative thoughts with the positive ones. You have the mind of Christ that has the capacity to think like Christ. (Philippians 2:5).

In Philippians 4:8; Apostle Paul helped the Church on what to think about which are: the things that are true, honest, just, of good report, and that have virtue and praise.

Anything outside those mentioned above is of the devil and should be cast out from our minds. We must strive to think only on the positive things because as a man thinks in his heart so he becomes.

5. Righteous Living

In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

Proverbs 12:28

The force of righteousness cannot be overemphasised in activating the law of divine protection. Living a righteous life is a powerful protection against any danger.

God assures us in His word that, He will protect the righteous man. As a matter of fact, God can protect the whole family just because of a man who is righteous; this is because God will never allow destruction to come upon the righteous.

The above scripture says, *“In the way of righteousness is life; and the pathway thereof there is no death.”* This is assurance that there is life and not death for the righteous. God enjoins us to live a righteous life so that we can enjoy the dividends of righteousness.

Living a righteous life does not mean absence of challenges .Both the the righteous and unrighteous will go through one challenge or the other.. But the advantage that the righteous have is that when they call upon God in distress, He will answer speedily.

It is only the prayers of the righteous that God answer in times of trouble. (Proverbs 15:29). The Bible says, *“The righteous call upon Him and they are safe.* (Proverbs 18:10)

Besides, the Bible also says,

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.
Proverbs 10:2

It is obvious that the wicked have no cover in the day of evil, because the wickedness of the wicked shall come upon them. However, there is an assurance for the righteous that they will be delivered from death and trouble.

God has declared us righteous through Christ Jesus and this righteousness is operated by faith. Much more than that we need to walk in the consciousness of His righteousness and by this we will live victoriously over every problem that may come unto us.

The Bible says righteousness exhorts a nation. (Proverbs 14:34). Not only that, righteousness also protects the nation.

I want to submit to you that righteous people can only partake from the covenant of divine protection. It is one of the divine laws and principles that connect us into the pool of divine safety and protection.

6. Divine Direction

And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.

Psalms 78:53

The principle of divine guidance is one of the active ways of enjoying divine protection. There is joy and fulfilment in heeding the direction of God.

In fact, those who follow the leading of God always have testimony of divine safety. It is sure that God cannot lead you into danger or destruction. The Bible says, God guides His people safely. His people have nothing to be afraid of. (Psalms 78:53).

Therefore, obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit is very imperative to our divine protection. God our Father knows all things, and when we ask Him to guide our steps, He will lead us into the part of peace and success.

Any time we fall victim to circumstances, it is not as if we were not aware it before it happened. But it is because we refused to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit at the time He was instructing us.

God is looking for obedient children who will follow every of His instructions. Of course, God cannot lead us into danger; He is always leading us out of danger into the part of righteousness, peace, success. (Psalms 23:2-3).

The Holy Scripture says,

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:14

God wants to lead us by His Spirit that is why He gave us His Spirit to dwell in our heart. We must submit ourselves to the leadership and the Lordship of the Holy Spirit. He dwells in us to guide us into divine safety.

God has promised us in His word that, He will teach us and guide us in the way we should live. He will protect us and be our guide. (Psalms 32:8).

This proves the fact that God is committed to His word as regards our safety and protection. He said, He will teach us, guide us and protect us on the way we should live.

Life is good and interesting when we live it in line with the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He will definitely not lead us into death, danger, failure...etc. He will surely lead us into our inheritance in God.

Friends, I will encourage you to learn how to be led by the Spirit of God. This is a vital key principle in activating the covenant of divine safety and protection.

David said, “*For this God is our God forever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death*”. (Psalms 48:14).

That means, God wants to guide us from the beginning to the end of our journey on the earth.

May God give you understanding of His divine protection in Jesus name.

7. Walking In Its Consciousness

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Psalms 23:4

Divine safety and protection is real. But it becomes a reality for you when you live in the consciousness of this provision of safety. The mind of those who have the understanding of divine protection is at rest all the time. They will say like David said, “*When I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil.*” Psalm 23.

Many Christians believe in divine safety but they do not live in the reality of it, they have no consciousness that God is with them in times of trouble and in the times when there is no trouble.

I have come to a point of rest with assurance of divine safety because I know that no evil shall befall me, based on the fact that God has

commanded His angels to keep me in all my ways. (Psalm 34:7; Psalm 91:11).

The key to walking in the consciousness of safety and protection is knowledge. You must know that God is with you, and when you believe it, you set loose the covenant of protection over your life.

This is the assurance David had when he said that he will walk through the valley of the shadow of death and he will fear no evil, because he “**knows**” that God is with him.

I know that there are unseen spiritual forces that are watching over me. I don't need to see them before I believe in them, all I do is to walk in the consciousness of divine safety.

David walked in the consciousness of divine safety and was protected from all his enemies. Daniel believed in this safety from God and he was delivered from lions. The three Hebrew boys walked in the consciousness of God's safety and they were protected from being burnt by fire.

Peter and John were not only saved from the prison by those who wanted to kill them, but an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors for them to go free. So also, Paul was protected from the shipwreck that would have killed all on board the ship, if not because he knew the secret of divine protection and that they were all protected by an angel of the Lord, they would all have perished. (Acts 27: 22-24)

It is not enough for you to know and believe in divine protection, you must live in its consciousness and reality. You must go everywhere with the confidence that God is with you and no evil shall happen to you.

The Bible says,

Man that is in honour, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish.
Psalms 49:20

It will be stupid to die like an animal and not enjoy His divine safety and protection. It is only ignorance that can rob you of your inheritance in God. (Hosea 4:6).

Don't be like the man who died of starvation, even though £200 (pound) was in his inner pocket. He died because he could not afford money to buy food, not knowing that money was in his pocket.

Many believers have died in penury despite the fact that they have in abundance in Christ. God has made provisions for our safety and protection in His redemption work. However, we must take advantage of it and live in divine safety, it is for us to enjoy.

Dear friend, read this book two more times, and mark every page that blesses you. Believe confess and meditate on it, until it becomes a part of you.

God does not only bless the readers of His word, He only blesses those who do and practise His word.

I pray for you that, as you read, believe and practise everything that you read in this volume, God will give you understanding of this covenant of safety and protection, and it will work for you and your family in Jesus name-Amen!

Thank you for taking your time to read this book and several other books written by me. I believe that the impartation you receive in this book will reflect in your life. Be blessed of the Lord!

Do you want to confess Jesus as your Lord and personal Saviour?

Say this prayer now.

Lord Jesus, I come to you today. I am a sinner and I cannot help myself. Forgive me my sins and wash me and cleanse me with your blood, which you shed for me. Come into my life and reign and deliver me from sin and Satan. Write my name in the book of life. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus name I pray. Amen!

Have you prayed this prayer? Congratulation, you are now a Born Again Christian.

I encourage you to join any Bible believing Church close to you for your further growth in Christ.

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