

Divine Preservation

"That thou mightiest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged." Deuteronomy 6:2

Obedience to God and His word is the secret key to longevity and preservation of life. Absolute obedience to God's word brings you directly under the coverings of His eternal wings, sheltering you from the deadly darts of the evil one

A Defence

"Hear ye the word of the LORD; And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence." Isaiah 4:5

For upon all the glory shall be a defence. The word '**defence**' in our text was used in the sense of a canopy that covers to protect. What is so dear to God that He will raise a canopy to cover and protect? All the Glory! For upon all the glory shall be a defence. What is all the glory?

According to the text, Isaiah 4:5 the glory the Prophet was referring to was every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies. Mount Zion and her assemblies are a Prophetic reference to the church of Jesus Christ and all her affiliate assemblies. The church which is the body of Christ is the glory of God for Paul the Apostle said in Colossians 2:9 that *"for in him (in his body, which is the church) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily."* The fullness of the Godhead is bodily present and resident in the church which is the body of Christ.

Whatever is in God the father is also present in the church and had been made manifest in the church through Christ Jesus. So, therefore, it is the dwelling place of Zion and her assemblies - the church, which is the glory that the Lord will raise the defence of a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: around.

Child of God, you are fully protected and covered by this divine defence if your sins are truly washed away by the precious blood of the Lamb and are walking worthy of your Lord and Redeemer. Zion and her assemblies are the dwelling place of God on the earth. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19 that *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"... "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?"* Beloved you are the embodiment of Zion and her assemblies for in you dwells God and has become His temple and dwelling place. Are you born again, have your sins been forgiven you, are you walking in obedience to the truth revealed unto you by the word and Spirit, is your name in the Lamb's book of life? If your answer to all these critical questions is yes then you are the one the Prophet was talking about.

And God will definitely protect His dwelling place but not with the mortal defence of a man who is limited in strength and power, whose intelligence and knowledge are finite and inefficient. It stands to reason why the church is under so much attack by the world - the main weapon of the

Devil. Against the body of Christ which is the glory of God has been released a great onslaught and fury by the gates of hell. But the owner of the body has not left it at the mercies of the cruelty of the kingdom of darkness. He has fully secured the borders of the dwelling place of Zion and her assemblies and therefore we are not afraid of the thought of a sudden invasion of the gates of hell. The cloud and smoke protect her in the daytime and the wall and pillar of flaming shining fire protect her in the night and therefore no evil shall come into her dwelling place. The satanic assault on the church by ignorant religious folks cannot move, according to the word of the LORD. The attackers are mean and mendacious but the church will not, cannot, shall not be moved. The Lord of the house is jealously protecting his house with a cloud of smoke and a covering of fire.

Beloved, fear not nor fret yourself when you see the church of Jesus Christ under the frightening fire of the world. The devil with all the force and fury of hell cannot prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. What you, the member of the church of Jesus Christ, must do to remain protected and covered is to live a holy and obedient life to your Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:23 that “*Ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's*”. To remain Christ and protected, you must be like Him and walk like Him as He walked on the earth. Let sin and iniquity be far from your tabernacle for the prince of this world cometh and he should have nothing in you. Your spiritual inheritance will be secured and guaranteed as you walk in holiness and sanctification.

PROPHETIC RELEASE: *I prophesy over you precious one that your life and substance are comprehensively covered and protected by the cloud of smoke and wall of fire. You are the glory of God as you continue to walk in righteousness and holiness all the days of your life. I declare over you that your paths shall shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day of the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in Jesus' mighty name. I see you pushing back the advancement of the kingdom of darkness in your life and destiny and taking over new territories in all your field of endeavours. May the cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: manifest visibly and evidently in your life in Jesus' Mighty name.*