## **Protected Behind The Word**

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9-11).

And any person that's under that Blood is safely protected. Amen. (Rom. 5:8-10). [1]

No matter what you think about me, as long as I'm under the Blood, I'm protected by the Blood. God doesn't see my sins. He looks through the Blood of Jesus Christ. And though my sins may be like scarlet, they look white to the Almighty God because He's looking through the shed Blood at Calvary. Don't you want it? Wouldn't you love to be in that state? (Isaiah 1:18). [2]

That's the reason that you don't see things happening in the churches. They confess that they believe the Blood, but they reject the very plan to get to the Blood; the Word. See? There is only one way God will honor that Word. You'll never honor that Word, come and say, "I'm a Roman Catholic. I demand this to be done." You can't do it. Methodist, Baptist, or Pentecostals, you can't do it.

The only way you can do it is under the mercies of God, through His grace, is to come through the shed Blood of Jesus Christ, say, "Lord, I claim the promise." See? And then if you really are under that Blood, God is obligated to that Word. But, first, you've got to be under that Blood. You see it now?

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Religion – just the same as the world. Religion means "a covering". If you can be covered by the world, you'll act like the world. **But if you're covered by the Blood of Jesus Christ, you're linked with Him,** you don't care for those things no more. **You see nothing but the Blood. And God only recognizes the Blood.** "When I see the Blood, I will pass over you." (Exod. 12:13). Amen We are grateful to God for these things. [4]

When the plagues were coming, only thing was protected was those who were sealed away in the Kingdom of God (*Rev. 9:4,13-21*). [5]

Now, the Scripture, Ephesians 4:30-32 says this: "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed until the day of your redemption." How long? Until the day of your redemption. When you receive the Holy Ghost, you come inside, like Israel coming under the blood, they were inside, safely secured, protected from the outside plagues of Egypt that was going to destroy them (Exod. 12:1-13). Come into Christ now through the Blood (I Cor. 12:13), receive the wedding garment. Christ has given you an invitation to come. Maybe you've held it in some church reverently for years. Come now. Give your

invitation to Him and **be robed in His righteousness by receiving His Holy Spirit.** Won't you come? [6]

Now we have a Token in this day. We've been given a Token which is an antitype of that type. Of that natural token, we've been given the Supernatural, supreme Token (*Eph. 1:13*). All that that foreshadowed has been given to this generation, has been given the Token. Now we have the Holy Ghost, is our Token, and It is our identification that we have accepted the death of the Lamb. Not only was Jesus just a human life to come back on us, but It was God Himself manifested in flesh (*II Cor. 5:17-21*), that brought back upon us the adoption of sons, that now we are sons and daughters of God (*Rom. 8:15-17*). That is the Token. It's our identification of the passover. It's our identification that we have believed God, and God has accepted.

Back there they didn't have the Gospel as we have it today, it was taught in forms and it went through rituals, because the Holy Spirit wasn't given.

But, today, we have the Substance. We don't have just the form, or just the chemicals; you could not take the Blood of Jesus Christ and apply it to every heart. But God sent back the Holy Ghost, that's the Token was upon the human, in the human's heart (Acts 2:1-4). And that is your identification that you have accepted God's plan, met Jehovah's requirements; He met them for you at Calvary, and you have met them on your knees. And God has given you the Token sign, the return of the Spirit was upon Christ, is in you (II Cor. 1:20-22), and a guarantee identification of His life, death, burial, and resurrection, and alive forevermore, now in the believing Church. Amen. It's a positive Token, a token sign. [7]

The Word Itself is Spirit; it's Spirit in Word form (John 6:63). And then, you see, when It is quickened or brought to Life, the Spirit of the Word goes to work and acts. Now, look here: A thought has to be a thought before it can be a word. And then when a thought is presented, it is a word. Now, this is God's thought that He has placed in the Word, and then when we receive it from Him, it becomes a Word. [8]

In Genesis, God told Adam and Eve what would happen when they disbelieved His Word. Now, He put right and wrong before them, and He said, "The day you eat thereof, that day you'll die." (Gen. 2:15-17). And God meant just exactly what He said. He always does, He means what He says.

Satan led her to disbelieve It, for Satan himself never did believe It. He doesn't believe It, so he led her to believe it. And he still does the same thing, and teaches others the same, and they disbelieve It like she did.

God fortified His people behind His Word, that's your only defense. Not your denomination, not your father or your mother, it's all right, but behind God's Word. That's the place that the believer is protected, behind the Word. When that little avenue was broken there, with a little "wonder if It's right or not? It wouldn't," reasoning come in and took the place of faith, they broke

the bars. And God kept His Word, He performed It. Satan tried to get her to believe it. [9]

Eve questioned one little phase of God's Word, and what did it do? Caused all this trouble that we have. If she would have remained behind the Word, fortified behind the Word, the whole armor of God (*Eph. 6:11-20*), and not disbelieved It, then it would have never happened the way it has, it would have never been this way. But, you see, there came death. [10]

Now notice. This one thing I want you to bear in mind, that God gave this man a protection. **He fortified him inside of His Word,** because He told them what they could do, what they could not do.

And that's the same basis we're set on today, what we can do, what we cannot do. No matter how good we are, how much we go to church, or do this, **we've** got to be born again (John 3:3-8). See? It must be.

God told Adam what he could do and what he could not do. **He placed him behind His Word.** 

And then the enemy come in, by deceit, and crawled through the walls of God's Word, 'cause the door was open to him, and he marred that image, to sin. That's one of the saddest stories (*Gen. 3:1-7*).

To think, that the man that was made in the image of his Creator (*Gen. 1:27*), and was given a wall to stand behind, **that that Word could never fail.** That's the Christian's hope. **It's his shield. It's his armor. It's his rock today, is, stay behind the Word; every believer.** 

Now, you must never get from behind That. When you do, you're opening the door to the enemy, when they say, "Oh, well, you can do a little of this, and a little of that." God wants you to separate yourself from everything that's called sin. Completely set aside for Him, and for Him only.

He has a purpose in your life, each individual, that no one else on the face of the earth can take your place. God has got something for you. You're made like that. You were did that way for a purpose. God is sovereign in His work. We are different, one from another.

When He made His first masterpiece, **He put him behind the Word.** When He made **His second Masterpiece**, **He was the Word.** Amen. He was the Word; not behind the Word. But, **He was the Word** (*John 1:1-3,14*). God never changes His plan. That's exactly what He started off to do His first church with, the Word. [11]

After you become a Christian, then you are fortified by the Word and any promise in the Word. Didn't know I was going to say that. You are, when you become a Christian, you're placed behind the Word of God. Now, there's your fortress, safety. Oh, my! Every promise in That is yours. Only thing you have to do is just reach and get it, and go right on with it. "How you know it's going to work?" I don't know how it's going to work. "Explain to me." I don't know. Only thing I know, that, God gave His children the best thing to attack with, 'cause He knows the working of the enemy. [12]

If I wanted to take care of my little Joseph, well, brother, everything--and I knew his life depended on it.

And if I can think that about my little boy, which if his mortal life would lost, I believe a child would be saved, how much more to God to His child that would be eternally lost. What should He place him behind? He placed him behind His own Word. As long as you're in that Word, you're safe. "If ye abide in Me and My Word's in you, then just ask what you will..." (John 15:7). That's it, the Word.

So Eve got to strolling in the garden, and she run into the serpent (a very polished-up sort of a fellow). Now, he was on the other side. **God lives, dwells, works in humility, never any other way.** See? Now, the little humble lady walking along there, and Satan come up as a wise, slick, polished sort of a fellow, and he wanted to sell her the program. No matter how much Satan was around, as long as she stayed behind this Word, she was all right. So let Satan do whatever he wants to, you just stay with the Word. See? Don't make a bit of difference.

If he says, "Why, you're sick." - "By His stripes I'm healed." (*Jes.* 53:4-5). "Well, you're going to die." - "He will raise me up again; He promised."

**Just stay behind the Word. That's all.** Christ retreated to the Word Himself: "It's written..." (*Matt. 4:1-11*). Now, **stay behind the Word.** But Eve, she begin to kinda let down, but she never let it all down; **she only let one little phrase down,** and that's what Satan wanted her to do (*Gen. 3:1-7*). **He got her from behind God's promise by reasoning** (*II Cor. 11:1-3*). Don't never try to reason God's Word; just believe It!

S'o she stepped out from there and before Adam ever got to her for a wife, she was already defiled by Satan. [13]

God told what they should do, and there'd never be death, sorrow or nothing, but he (Satan) come around and misinterpreted the Word. Therefore when man got from behind the Word of God, what does it make them? He is not defended by God. But, you see, Satan was the interpreter of the Word to Eve. She wouldn't listen to her husband and to God, but she took the prosecutor's interpretation of the Word. And he has no right to give an interpretation, and neither does any man have a right. God's His Own Interpreter. He doesn't need us; He keeps His Word, we believe. [14]

Now, that same Word is just as alive today as it was the hour it was spoken. All we need is the Holy Spirit behind the Word, puts It to action and demonstrates the power that It promised. Every blessing that God promised, everything that He said, can be brought to life if the Holy Spirit is behind the Word, because that's the thing that quickens the Word and gives It life (John 6:63; Rom. 8:11). And now we know that that's right. [15]

But Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, which is Himself, to get it to those that's behind the Word, like Abraham's group, to confirm the Word before them, to show that He's still the Word. See that you've taken the right place! All right.

Fire is the confirmation of the Light coming from the Word. The smart virgin, the wise virgin, had Oil in Her lamp, and She trimmed Her lamp and lit it. Now, what is it? God is the Word. The Oil is the Spirit. And the Fire is the Gospel Light on that Oil. God said so. See? That's the vessel. All right. The Oil is in the vessel. And the Fire, burning It, shows that It's reflecting the Light of what the Word said. That's the reflection. Now, that wise virgin could do that.

But that other, foolish virgin, was on the outside, **had no Oil,** and they couldn't reflect nothing but just their church and their denomination.

But if they would have just stayed fortified with the Word, **let the Word be their fortress, then, see, they'd have been fortified. They'd have been behind the Word.** The Word would been in front of them, always, THUS SAITH THE LORD. "THUS SAITH THE LORD. THUS SAITH THE LORD." Right or left, "THUS SAITH THE LORD." [12]

Now, we find out that God gave His children the best. And therefore He doesn't have to improve it. He never changes. He hasn't changed one bit since the first time He gave for His children's protection. There's war in heaven, He had to kick out Satan (*Ezek. 28:11-19; Isaiah 14:12-20*). Then He came down on the earth and fortified His children with His Word.

I want to ask you something. Now, Eve did not, while she's standing in this great fortress of His Word... Now, Satan was on the outside trying to use some kind of a technique to get her out of there, for as long as she stayed behind the Word, everything was fine. That's where we make our mistake. We make our mistake when we get from behind the Word. So I believe all Bible believers think it that way. We get from behind the Word, then we're in trouble. But as long as we keep the Word ahead of us... Don't get ahead of the Word; let the Word get ahead of you. You just let It go first, and you just live right behind It. It plows the ditch, and you just walk in it. See? And that's the way it goes. [16]

You know, we always have to improve. Now, the old airplanes we used to use back in the First World War; the Second World War, why, them little knockers in the air was altogether out, when they put up these nice big super planes they had. Why, they were nothing. They got jets. And, see, you're always trying to improve, to improve on the thing for defense.

But you know what? God doesn't have to improve. God gave His children, His soldiers, the very best thing that could be given them. When He give them, what did He give them? He give them His Word at the garden of Eden, and man was to fortify himself behind the Word of God, and no devil can get him. Stay in the Word.

Now, the enemy spy, Satan, tried to find out what could he do to break into that. So he knowed he just couldn't come out and bluff her, so the only thing that he could do was to get her on reasoning. And that's what God uses today, to fortify His Church, **is His Word.** And Satan comes around with reasoning

power. Satan knew that was the loophole. That was the place that people would break the easiest, was at reasoning. [17]

God told them that He would send them a Guide. He would lead them in the way. And as long as they followed that Pillar of Fire, they were all right (Gen. 13:21-22; 14:24). He led them up to the promised land gate, and then that was as far as He was to go. Then Joshua, that great warrior, remember the day that he told them, "Sanctify yourself, the third day God's going to open up Jordan down here and we're going across" (Joshua 3:1-6)? Now watch what he said in the Scripture, he said, "Stay close behind the Ark, for you've not passed this wav before."

What was the Ark? The Word. Don't travel your denominational routes now, stay right behind the Word, 'cause you haven't passed this way before. And, brother, if there ever was a time that the Christian church ought to examine itself, is right now. We're right now where this great meeting is going on in Rome right now, differences are being made, the confederation of churches, when all these denominations are confederated together to form the image of the beast, just exactly what the Bible says. And you know what we said this morning in the Messages. And here we are, right everything right at the door, and people still following after creed. You better stay behind the Word! The Word will lead you across, because the Word is Christ, and Christ is God, and God is the Holy Ghost.

Stay behind the Word! Oh, yes, sir! Stay with that Guide. Stay right behind It. Don't get in front of It, you stay behind It. Let It lead you, don't you lead It. You let It go. [18]

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