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Enjoy, and God Bless You!

Introduction:

In this Bible study, you will see that even in times of trouble, worry, or fear, God is your *defense* and your buckler, and He never thinks any less of you when calling on Him for help. In truth, God continually waits patiently to help in times of need. So please do not ever feel that you are asking “amiss” when asking (in prayer) for God’s help, because He loves you!

The Scripture used throughout this study is quoted from the King James Version unless otherwise noted. Any explanatory insertions by the author in any of the Scripture verses are enclosed in {braces}.

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Psalms 18:30:

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried {or is refined}: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

A *buckler* is a shield, but a special kind of defensive shield that also has a long metal point as an offensive mechanism so as to not only shield oncoming attacks but also to fend them off as well. This is an analogy of our God because He takes care of *all those that trust in him*. These bucklers were used as body shields and could be raised as an overhead roof to protect from incoming barrages of arrows and spears. God's point is that He will not allow the forces of darkness to completely engulf us, as Psalms 18:28 promises, "the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness." God will manifest Himself as our *buckler* as we look to His *way*, which is *perfect*, and we believe the Word of God that is refined to perfection.

Psalms 18:3:

For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God?

God is our buckler our *LORD* and our *rock*. Many have retorted that "Christians only use the Bible as a crutch because they are weak and feeble," but I say if that statement were true, then God's Word would be a crutch that will never break. But it is not an actual true statement, and we can find no Scripture ever referring to God or His Word as being crutches for His children, rather He is our *rock* from beneath, and our *buckler* from around and above. I'll go a step further and point out that the unbeliever's crutch is not having the intestinal fortitude to accept their personal Savior and receive wholeness to walk with God.

It takes heart, commitment, and courage to stand and walk with God day by day, and as we rise up to do so, we will discover that our God is the *rock* of our inner strength, a *rock* that we can stand on and one that will support us, and one that will never crumble. Our *rock* will continuously sustain us through any storm coming from any direction (Matthew 7:24-27). Besides, standing on the *rock* is certainly safer than standing on one's own abilities without God and without hope in this world (Ephesians 2:12).

Psalms 18:32:

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Our *God* and *buckler* can strengthen us from the inside, out, and cause our way to be *perfect*. Philippians 2:13 says, "For it is God which worketh in you," and Philippians 4:13 promises "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me {or, *Christ infuses inner strength into me* as the Amplified Bible* records}." With God on our side (and inside) as our *buckler*, our *rock*, and our *strength*, the sky is literally the limit because "For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:37).

Psalms 18:33:

He maketh my *feet* like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

A *hind* is a female deer and as she walks on the steep cliffs where the slopes are slippery, she first places her two front feet to test whether or not the ground could safely support her back feet and her entire weight. Then she jumps up and places her back two feet in the exact spot where her front feet were. Then her young follow her up and down the cliffs, placing their feet in the same places she tests. What the verse is saying is that when we believe and look to God as our *buckler*, our *rock*, and our *strength*, then we will be walking in the steps of His Word.

So, if you ever feel you are walking on shaky ground and feeling unsafe in a particular situation, please recall God's promise to set us on safer and higher ground.

Spiritually speaking, Jesus is our front feet; he tested the ground for us and made sure that when we walk with God, we would indeed have a unique part in helping support the entire body of Christ, as I Corinthians 12:27 informs us, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and {you are} members in particular." God *setteth me upon my high places* because we are each a prominent member of the body of Christ in an honored and esteemed place of renown.

This is why whenever and wherever we walk with God, our feet will be walking in the place where Jesus Christ also walks, for we have Christ within (Colossians 1:27). Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I

go unto my Father" (John 14:12), and he did, and so we can! Jesus left us his "example, that ye should follow his steps" (I Peter 2:21).

Walking with God will always bring to us joy and rejoicing in the God of our salvation, and in our Lord, Jesus Christ who made our salvation a reality.

Today our *high places* are spiritually at the right hand of God; as Ephesians 2:6 declares, "And {God} hath raised *us* up together, and made us sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus."

Psalms 59:9:

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defence.

In times of trouble, worry, or fear, God is your *defence* and your *buckler*, and He never thinks any less of you when calling on Him for help. In truth, God continually waits patiently to help in times of need. So please do not ever feel that you are asking "amiss" when asking (in prayer) for God's help, because He loves you, and He will never let you down or fail you in any way (Hebrews 13:5).

Remember that our God is a buckler to *all those that trust in him*.

God's Word guides the believer in the way that He deemed perfect (Psalms 18:30, above), and He also perfects our way to Him (Psalms 18:32, above).

Have a wonderful day standing on your *high place*, on the rock of God's magnificent Word, knowing that God is our buckler.

"God Bless You!"

Benediction:

Habakkuk 3:18-19:

-18: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.

-19: The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

II Samuel 22:31:

As for God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him.

Psalms 18:2:

The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

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