

DIVINE PROTECTION



“Thou Shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ... Because thou hast made the Lord ... thy habitation, there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling”. (From Psalm 91)

Introduction

It is possible to abide in the shelter, so to speak, of the Almighty, so that no evil, accident, or other violent occurrence can affect us. The 91st Psalm (and similar passages in the Bible), written by those who had passed into this higher consciousness, are not mere pious hopes but are statements of actual truths.

No accidents in spirit

There are no accidents or misfortunes in the true inner realm of perfect ideation, where divine order reigns supreme. Everything is in its right place, doing its right work, at the right time, and doing it perfectly. If we abide in the truth or 'reality consciousness' there can be no accidents, mistakes, collisions, or happenings of this character.

Outer disorder

In contrast to this we see around us human disorder, such as things happening at the wrong time or going awry. Also, there are dangers from those with ill intentions, such as assault, robbery etc.

How can all this be avoided, and the divine order instituted in its place?

Over-carefulness no protection

Certainly not by being over-careful. This is not to advocate carelessness or foolhardiness, but over-caution produces anxiousness and timidity, and these make one more liable to accidents and other forms of disorder than ever.

The only source of protection

Protection can be found only in the Spirit, and not in human carefulness. By looking to the Spirit, and by mentally establishing ourselves in the Spirit, the order of the Spirit takes the place of human disorder. There is no other method that is effective. No human power can withstand those invisible influences which produce accidents and other so-called evil happenings.

Human liability

The conclusion of much experience in dealing with thousands of students of all types is that, until people have learnt to rely upon the secret of divine protection, they are liable to accidents and other forms of violence. Some are more liable than others, and no amount of mere human carefulness can protect them.

So long as a person's consciousness is allowed to remain on a weak, low, negative plane, they are subject to disease, infection and other troubles, but when they rise in consciousness to a higher plane, they become free from the whole circle of misfortune. It is the same with regard to accidents, dangers, and other troubles. So long as we remain on the human plane of thought we are subject to them.

The only way

It is only by rising in consciousness to the higher plane of Spirit that we can overcome, or be delivered from, the influences which affect all humankind, except those who have learnt to rely entirely on the protection of the Spirit.

How metaphysicians work

Some metaphysicians place themselves in the divine protection by realising that there are no accidents or misfortunes in the Spirit, that Spirit is the Reality and all there is, really; that they are spiritual beings, living in the Spirit, and therefore for them there can be nothing but harmony and safety.

Metaphysical reasoning

By reasoning in this manner all ideas of accidents and other forms of disorder are expunged from the consciousness; and, when this is accomplished, no accident can happen. But this is far too advanced for beginners and, in any case, is only suitable for those possessing a metaphysical type of mind.

A much simpler method

It is much simpler to believe, affirm and realise that the divine presence is always with us and that the Spirit goes before us, preparing the way for us. You may say that the divine presence is always with us because God is omnipresent; therefore, all accidents and evil occurrences take place in the divine presence, so what is the good of doing as suggested?

Power that is passive

The answer to that is that while it is perfectly true that God is omnipresent, yet divine power remains passive unless we unite ourselves with it, call upon it and take shelter in it. There was once a ship whose crew were dying of thirst. They signalled to another vessel, asking for water to save their lives. The answer was signalled back: "Dip your buckets overboard and drink". This was done, and then it was found that the water was fresh. The vessel was off the mouth of the Amazon, the water of which is of such vast volume that it goes many miles out into the ocean before mixing with the salt sea.

Surrounded by Spirit

Here is an almost perfect analogy. These men were surrounded by an inexhaustible supply of fresh water yet were dying of thirst simply because they did not make use of it. In the same way we are surrounded by the Spirit: the divine presence is always with us; but until we unite ourselves with it and place ourselves within its protection it is unable to help us. Like the fresh water upon which the ship sailed, it remains passive; that is to say, it does not actively help us, and until we make use of it, or claim its assistance, it cannot protect us.

The secret of protection

We see, then, that it is necessary for us continually to live in the consciousness of the divine protection. How? By turning the thoughts Godwards. Thought is the ladder between earth and heaven. The thoughts can be directed into right channels by the use of statements of truth. By continually declaring the truth, the thoughts are encouraged to flow in this direction.

Statements of Truth

We can say, “God is my protection”. Or, “I am protected at all times by the power of the infinite”. Or, “Because I am in harmony with the Divine, all the powers of heaven are upholding me”. Or words to that effect. If this course is persevered with, and if, in addition, we commit ourselves to the divine protection during our times of quiet meditation and contemplation, then a great realisation grows up within of personal contact with God, of immortality, of complete safety and protection.

Note: The original material for this article was sourced from Simple Talks on Science of Thought No. 10, by HT Hamblin, mystic, writer, and successful businessman. The text has been adapted in places to make it more accessible to a modern audience. The principles contained in the teachings remain as relevant today as they were when they were reaching thousands of his followers around the world until his death in 1958.

© The Hamblin Trust, 2023

We hope you have found this free PDF helpful for your own spiritual practice and wellbeing. Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may find it helpful.

You can find other resources as well as regular events, courses, workshops and activities listed on our website.

www.thehamblinvision.org.uk