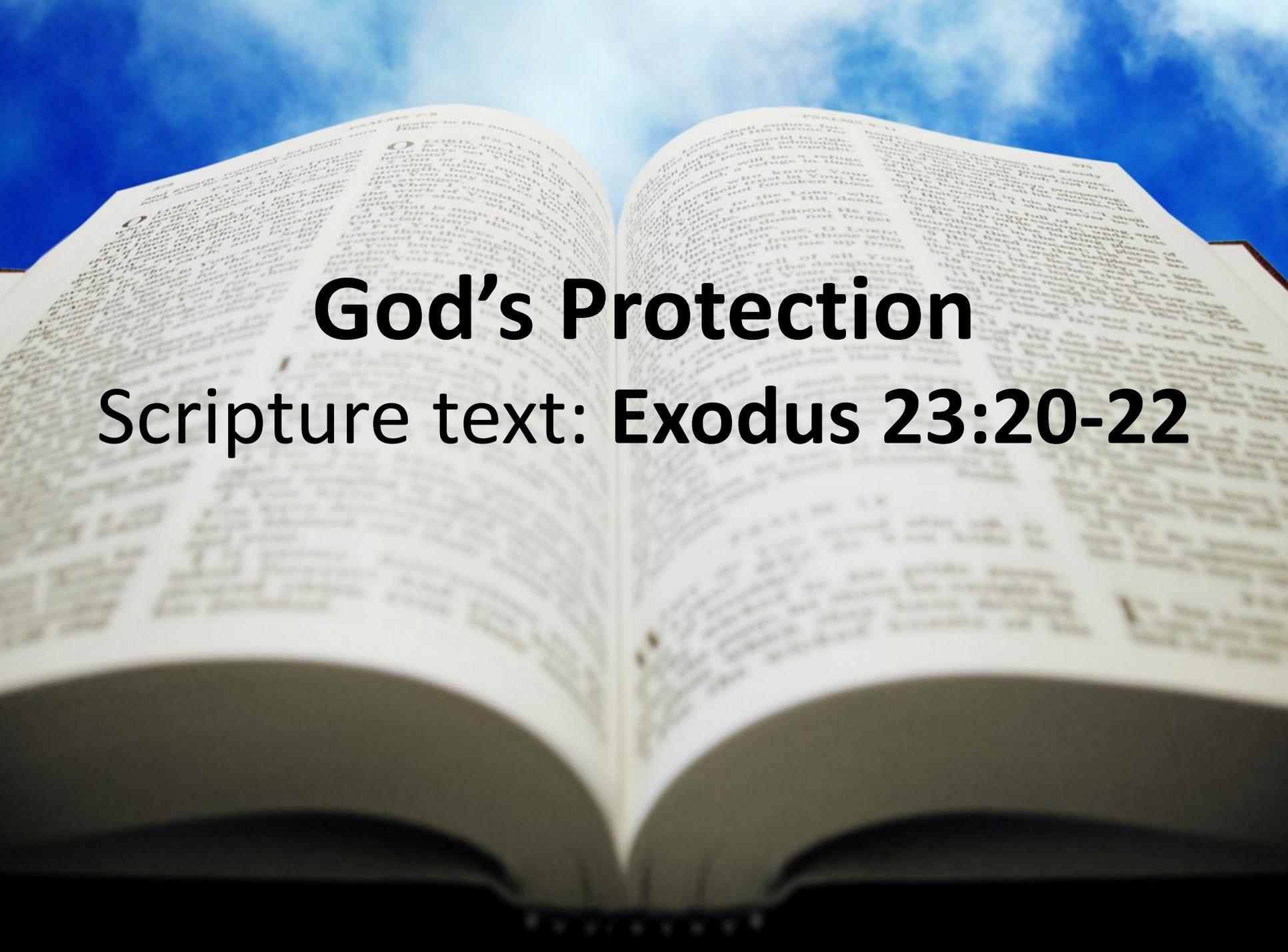


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God's Protection

Scripture text: **Exodus 23:20-22**

Exodus 23:20-22 "Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared. Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him. "**But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say,** then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.

Proverb 21:30-31 No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD. The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but **the victory belongs to the LORD.**

Covid-19, Corona Virus, or Wuhan Virus.

Whatever else you want to call it, the results are still the same, “shelter in place”, “keep your distance”, and “no meetings with more than 10 people”.

How does this line up with the Bible?

What exactly does it say?

Where is the words of comfort for this storm?

Proverb 11:8 The **righteous is delivered from trouble**, and the wicked walks into it instead.

Proverb 22:3 The **prudent sees danger and hides himself**, but the simple go on and suffer for it.

Proverb 24:10-12 **If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small.** Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will **he not repay man according to his work?**

Psalm 57:1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

Isaiah 26:20-21 Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until the fury has passed by. For **behold, the LORD is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity, and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.**

Psalm 27:2-7 When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, **my heart shall not fear**; though war arise against me, **yet I will be confident**. One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. For **he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock**. And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

Proverb 1:22-27 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? **If you turn at my reproof, behold, I will pour out my spirit to you; I will make my words known to you.** Because I have called and you refused to listen, have stretched out my hand and no one has heeded, **because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when terror strikes you, when terror strikes you like a storm and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Proverb 1:28-33 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. **Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD**, would have none of my counsel and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices. For the simple are killed by their turning away, and the complacency of fools destroys them; **but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster**."

Proverb 3:19-26 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew. My son, **do not lose sight of these**-- keep sound wisdom and discretion, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. **Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble.** If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. **Do not be afraid of sudden terror or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes, for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being caught.**

Proverb 29:25 The fear of man lays a snare, but **whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.**

Proverb 30:5 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Psalms 18:30-32 This God--his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; **he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.** For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?-- **the God who equipped me with strength and made my way blameless.**

2 Samuel 22:2-7 He said, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. "For the waves of death encompassed me, the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. "In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.

Psalm 32:2-8 Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. **For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.** For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "**I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,**" and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. **You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.** I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Psalm 36:5-10 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.** They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light. **Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

John 14:25-29 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.** Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I will come to you.' If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that **when it does take place you may believe.**

John 16:8-13 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth,** for he will not speak on his own authority, but **whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.**

John 16:29-33 His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; **this is why we believe that you came from God.**" Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 17:12-19 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. **I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost** except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.** They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. **Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.** As you sent me into the world, **so I have sent them into the world.** And for their sake I consecrate myself, **that they also may be sanctified in truth.**

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.** For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Colossians 1:9-14 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that **you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,** so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. **May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and **that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men.** For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. **May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.**

2 Timothy 1:3-7 I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, **as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.** As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Hebrews 13:2-8 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

2 Peter 2:5-9 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, **a herald of righteousness**, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and **if he rescued righteous Lot**, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

Revelation 3:9-13 Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and **they will learn that I have loved you.** Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, **I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon.** Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'**