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1 Samuel 17:43

“And the Philistine said to David, “Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.” 1 Samuel 17:43

A man in covenant with God and is daily walking in that Covenant, cannot be cursed. “I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you...” (Genesis 12:3) As we live in covenant with God there is a shield of impenetrable protection that stands guard around us – “above all, taking the shield of faith.” (Ephesians 6:16) “The angel of the LORD encamps around about them that fear Him, and delivers them.” (Psalm 34:7).

When circumstances try us, when men curse us, we can rest assured in the Lord’s provision of defense. “Do not be afraid of sudden terror, nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; for the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught.” (Proverb 3:25-26).

For us to experience this secure place we must be ever vigilant that we do not misplace our confidence in our own abilities or in the abilities of others. (see Philippians 3:3-4). Further, our hearts must not condemn us – this means walking in the light and in the Spirit – obeying what we know is right according to the Word as well as His ever present leadings. (1 John 1:7; 3:21). As we actively live out the covenant by faith, not casting away our confidence in Christ, His promises, or in His provisions found within the Covenant, we can expect “great recompense of reward.” (Hebrews 10:35).

“Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.” (Psalm 33:20)