

## Scriptural Images of Protection

- DEUT. 33:27 The eternal God is your **refuge**, and underneath are the **everlasting arms**. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!'
- 2 SAM. 22:2-4 He said: "The Lord is my **rock**, my **fortress** and my **deliverer**; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my **shield** and the horn of my salvation. He is my **stronghold**, my **refuge** and my savior- from violent men you save me. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies."
- PSALM 9:9 The Lord is a **refuge** for the oppressed, a **stronghold** in times of trouble.
- PSALM 46:1 God is our **refuge** and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- GENESIS 15:1 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your **shield**, your very great reward."
- RUTH 2:12 "May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose **wings** you have come to take **refuge**."
- PSALM 57:1 Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge. I will take **refuge** in the **shadow of your wings** until the disaster has passed.
- ZECH. 2:5 "And I myself will be a **wall of fire** around it...and I will be its glory within."
- JOB 1:10 "Have you not put a **hedge** around him and his household and everything he has?"
- DEUT. 33:29 "Blessed are you, O Israel! He is your **shield** and helper and your glorious **sword**. Your enemies will cower before you..."
- 2 SAM. 22:31 "As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a **shield** for all who take refuge in him."
- PSALM 3:3 But you are a **shield** around me, O Lord; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head.
- PSALM 5:12 For surely, O Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a **shield**.
- PSALM 18:2 The Lord is my **rock**, my **fortress** and my **deliverer**; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my **shield** and the horn of my salvation, my **stronghold**.
- PSALM 4:8 I will lie down and **sleep in peace**, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.
- REV. 12:11 They overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
- COL. 2:13-15 ...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. **And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

## Psalm 18 (NLT) – A Psalm of Protection

- 1 I love you, Lord;  
you are my **strength**.
- 2 The Lord is my **rock**, my **fortress**, and my **savior**;  
my God is my **rock**, in whom I find **protection**.  
He is my **shield**, the **power** that saves me,  
and my **place of safety**.
- 3 I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise,  
and he **saved** me from my enemies.
- 4 The ropes of death entangled me;  
floods of destruction swept over me.
- 5 The grave wrapped its ropes around me;  
death laid a trap in my path.
- 6 But in my distress I cried out to the Lord;  
yes, I prayed to my God for help.  
He heard me from his sanctuary;  
my cry to him reached his ears.
- 16 He reached down from heaven and **rescued** me;  
he **drew me out of deep waters**.
- 17 He **rescued me from my powerful enemies**,  
from those who hated me and were too strong for me.
- 18 They attacked me at a moment when I was in distress,  
but the Lord **supported** me.
- 19 He led me to a **place of safety**;  
he **rescued** me because he delights in me.
- 27 You **rescue** the humble,  
but you humiliate the proud.
- 28 You light a lamp for me.  
The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness
- 29 In your **strength** I can crush an army;  
with my God I can scale any wall.
- 30 God's way is perfect.  
All the Lord's promises prove true.  
He is a **shield** for all who look to him for **protection**.
- 31 For who is God except the Lord?  
Who but our God is a **solid rock**
- 32 God arms me with **strength**,  
and he makes my way perfect
- 33 He makes me as surefooted as a deer,  
enabling me to stand on mountain heights.
- 34 He **trains my hands for battle**;  
he **strengthens** my arm to draw a bronze bow
- 35 You have given me your **shield of victory**.  
Your right hand supports me;  
your help has made me great.
- 36 You have made a wide path for my feet  
to keep them from slipping.
- 37 I chased my enemies and caught them;  
I did not stop until they were conquered
- 38 I struck them down so they could not get up;  
they fell beneath my feet.
- 39 You have **armed me with strength** for the battle;  
you have **subdued** my enemies under my feet.
- 40 You placed my foot on their necks.  
I have destroyed all who hated me.
- 42 I ground them as fine as dust in the wind.  
I swept them into the gutter like dirt.
- 43 You gave me **victory over my accusers**.  
You appointed me ruler over nations;  
people I don't even know now serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear of me, they submit;  
foreign nations cringe before me.
- 45 They all lose their courage  
and come trembling from their strongholds.
- 46 The Lord lives! Praise to my Rock!  
May the God of my salvation be exalted!
- 47 He is the God who pays back those who harm me;  
he subdues the nations under me
- 48 and **rescues** me from my enemies.  
**You hold me safe** beyond the reach of my enemies;  
you **save** me from violent opponents.
- 49 For this, O Lord, I will praise you among the nations;  
I will sing praises to your name.
- 50 You give **great victories** to your king;  
you show unfailing love to your anointed,  
to David and all his descendants forever.