

Setting Boundaries Through Declarations



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Declarations are statements of our agreement with the Word of God (which reveals the heart of the Father for us). We don't declare in order to pressure God to do something or to make things happen, we declare what is already true in the heavenlies in order to see His desires (His will) manifest here on earth.

Monday – Boundaries of Protection

The Blood of Jesus

When the Lord instructed the heads of household in Israel to apply the blood of a lamb to the doorposts and lintels of their homes (Ex. 12:21-23), their obedience resulted in complete protection from the angel of death. Today, the blood of Jesus, The Lamb of God, is *our* protection from the enemy as we apply it to our lives and those for whom we intercede. The Lord has taught me to frequently "declare the Blood" over myself, my family, my marriage, my home and property, finances and business, and my ministry. While it is certainly true that the precious blood of Jesus is applied to our lives the moment we are born again, I firmly believe that our verbal declaration of this truth actually creates a definite "boundary line" in the spiritual realm. As with earthly military maneuvers where they establish a perimeter and put up the barbed wire, we are doing so spiritually with the blood of Jesus. The Lord says we are responsible to "stand firm against the schemes of the devil" (Eph. 6:11), which at the very least includes keeping him *out* of the above mentioned areas. If we do not act like those who know their rights and authority in Christ, the enemy will surely move against us as though we had no authority.

Psalms 91

This psalm provides one of the clearest expositions of the Lord's protection in all of Scripture. The key to its application in our lives is an understanding of "the secret place," for it is to those who

dwell there that all these glorious promises are directed. I believe with all my heart that the secret place is Jesus. As Paul declares, "But by His doing you are **in** Christ Jesus..." (1 Cor. 1:30). God has graciously and wonderfully placed us **in Christ** so that we might receive "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:3). See also John 17:20-23.

Once again, while these promised blessings are indisputably ours, the enemy will act as if they are not, unless we actively oppose him through our verbal declaration of them. As someone once said, we don't speak God's word to make it true in our lives, but because it is *already* true!

Therefore the Lord has taught me to pray through some or all of Psalm 91 on an almost daily basis. Here we are given very specific promises of protection or deliverance from:

1. The snare (vs. 3). This could apply to all temptation to sin, and any attempts to trick or deceive.
2. Pestilence and plague (vs. 3,6,10). This refers to all sickness or disease.
3. Destruction (vs. 4,6,7). This could apply to physical attacks, i.e. mugging, attempted murder, etc.
4. Fear (vs. 5). God has not given us a spirit of fear! Any fear-inducing tactic whether spiritual, mental/emotional, or physical can be repulsed and overcome.
5. The arrow (vs.5). This could apply to accidents with potential for causing bodily injury or death, and may also refer to the enemy's "fiery darts" of doubt, discouragement, etc.

The one who has made the Lord his refuge and dwelling place is promised, "No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent" (vs. 10). What complete protection! Yet, as if that was not enough, we are also promised the effective assistance of "His

angels," who constantly guard and protect in all that we do (vs. 11,12). I often thank the Lord for them, and ask that He send them forth to create favor wherever He'll be leading me to minister or do business.

Finally (and best of all), the Lord Himself promises that His presence will be with us to provide deliverance, assurance, comfort, and a long life in which to enjoy an intimate relationship with Him (vs. 14-15).

Other Scriptures (plus add your own):

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you."

Personal Preparation for Lasting Success:

The Armor of God

Can you imagine sending soldiers out to fight a war without protective gear and a weapon? Any general doing so would be court-martialed for his foolishness, irresponsibility, and callous disregard for the welfare of those under his authority. In our spiritual war against satan, our loving heavenly Father has presented us with His armor, specially designed to protect us from the enemy's most devastating attacks. He commands us to put it on and **never** take it off (Eph. 6:11, the Greek tense indicates this interpretation).

Loins girded with truth:

In Paul's day, Roman soldiers wore a belt which held all the pieces of armor together. God's word, the Truth, must likewise be the foundation of our lives. As a belt measures our waistline so must we allow the word of God to "measure" our lives. James compared God's word to a mirror (James 1:22-25), and as we read it we can see more clearly those areas in our lives which don't yet reflect the image of Jesus. Every one of these sinful areas, some of which we may not even be aware of yet, are points of spiritual weakness which the enemy will exploit in his attempts to defeat us. We must allow the Lord to reveal our areas of need so we can bring them to the foot of the cross and receive His grace and power to overcome them.

"Lord, show me where my life doesn't line up with Your word, and I give You permission to change me."

The breastplate of righteousness:

Covering all the vital organs of the body, an effective breastplate helped keep a Roman soldier alive in case a sword blow got past his shield. The breastplate of God's

armor likewise covers our heart, protecting our relationship with God and with others. To neutralize the accusation and condemnation of the enemy we must keep short accounts with God, quickly repenting of any sin He reveals, and always recognizing that the blood of Jesus washes us clean of all sin (1 John 1:7-9) and makes us righteous before God (2 Cor. 5:21). We also have the privilege of becoming more like Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit. He enables us to have and show forth all the righteous attitudes, thoughts, words, and actions of Jesus in our relationships with others.

"Lord, thank you for making me clean and holy before You by the blood of Jesus. Live through me so that others may see Jesus in all that I say or do."

Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace:

Without proper foot gear a soldier could easily slip and fall in the heat of battle. Our feet are shod with the gospel of *peace* because the enemy is constantly working to compromise our relationship with God and others. He attacks us with feelings of condemnation and fear that God is angry or displeased with us or has rejected us. Unless we know without question that we are accepted by God and have peace with Him because of the blood, it will be very difficult if not impossible to stand firm against the devil. Satan also stirs up anger, resentment, bitterness, and hatred towards others. When any of these are in our heart towards another person, we've lost our standing with them--we cannot pray for or minister to them in any way until peace once again reigns. Where there is no unity we cannot link arms with our brothers and sisters in Christ and together fight the enemy. Therefore, because we have peace with God through Jesus, we must also have peace with each other.

"Lord, please forgive me for doubting Your love and acceptance through the precious blood of Jesus. I repent of

my sinful attitudes towards others. Please help me to forgive those who have sinned against me. I want you to restore my broken relationships, and let Your peace reign in my heart wherever I go."

The shield of faith:

The function of a shield is an obvious one, and for us, it provides protection from "all the flaming missiles of the evil one (Eph.6:16). These missiles include all manner of temptation, fear, doubt, and discouragement. They are literally "thought bombs," negative and sinful ideas which he sends our way in the hope that we will dwell on them and become side-tracked from our mission. If you become so enamored of a temptation, so paralyzed by fear, so confused by doubt, that you cannot pray, read the word, or even live normally, then you are no threat to satan at all. Instead, we must take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). This means we measure every desire and every idea against the standard of God's word. If it is not in line with the Truth, it must be immediately rejected and ***replaced*** with the appropriate scriptural truth. This is the shield of faith in action--using God's word to annihilate the lies and half-truths of the enemy.

"Lord, help me to be alert to the enemy's flaming missiles. Teach me to declare the truth of Your word so that my faith is strengthened and I can complete the work You've given me to do, for Your glory."

The helmet of salvation:

A helmet's job is to protect the head from injury. Our brain controls every life function of the body and is where every decision is made that affects our life. In the spiritual realm, our soul (our mind, will and emotions) controls every aspect of our life. Satan seeks to influence us to develop ungodly attitudes, opinions, and ways of thinking. These

mindsets are so much a part of our personality that we regard them as "normal." We often excuse it by saying, "That's just the way I am." Examples include racial prejudice, fears, low self-esteem, unforgiveness, pride, lust, etc. These mindsets are described by Paul as "strongholds" of the enemy in 2 Cor. 10:3-5, which need to be torn down and replaced by godly and righteous ways of thinking. As we surrender our lives more and more to the Lordship of Jesus, we are transformed into His image by the "renewing of our minds." (Romans 12:2) That's why God called this piece of armor the helmet of *salvation*--our minds need to be saved and sanctified. It also serves to protect us from developing new ungodly mindsets as we remain humble and teachable before Him.

"Lord, please shine Your light and reveal any darkness in me where I may be believing the word of the enemy and not Your word, where I may be exalting my opinions and feelings above Your commands. By Your grace I will crucify those false concepts and replace them with Your liberating Truth."

The Sword of the Spirit:

The Sword of the Spirit truly is the word of God, and it is the only offensive weapon of the armor. It differs from the shield of faith in that we use God's word to go on the attack against the works of the devil around us instead of using it to repulse his attacks against us. The Lord declares that "as many as may be the promises of God, in Him [Jesus] they are yes" to us. This means that whatever blessings God has promised us, they are all rightfully ours because of Jesus. Jesus Himself said of the devil, "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy;" (John 10:10a). We have the right and privilege of declaring God's will and word against the enemy wherever he works to hinder it from coming to pass. When spoken under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit, God's word truly becomes "living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews

4:12) and extremely effective against the schemes of the evil one.

"Lord, please help me to have Your word abiding in me, hidden in my heart, so that as You lead I may speak it forth in faith against the devil and all his works, so that Your will and Your kingdom may be established."

This spiritual armor is given to us to protect us so we can advance against the kingdom of darkness. Because we're protected, we can now effectively engage in spiritual warfare:

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, (Ephesians 6:18)

This is why we need the armor, so that we can continue to pray and declare the word of the Lord over people and situations, as the Spirit leads. Without it we would quickly be defeated and neutralized by enemy, and our usefulness to the Lord would be greatly diminished.

Praise

"From the mouth of infants and nursing babes Thou hast established strength, because of Thine adversaries, to make the enemy and the revengeful cease." (Psalm 8:2) When Jesus quoted the first half of this verse in Matthew 21:16, He used the word "praise" instead of "strength," and both words are acceptable translations of the original Hebrew. This indicates a definite relationship between our praise and God's power on our behalf. One of the ways we can experience the strength God has established for us is through praising Him, because one of the purposes of praise is to silence the enemy. Our praise and worship makes the enemy cease in his attack against us in at least two ways:

1. Because God "inhabits" our praise (Ps. 22:3), the presence of the Lord draws near and drives the enemy away, and

2. Our praise replaces whatever lies the enemy was using to discourage us, thus silencing him.

In addition, as King Jehoshaphat discovered (2 Chron. 20:1-30), praise and worship is more than just a defensive measure, it is also an effective weapon! Psalm 149 shows us that our "high praises of God" have significant impact on the rulers, powers, world forces of this darkness, and spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12). When we exalt or lift up the Lord, declaring His dominion and authority, we actually participate in "binding" or preventing satan's purposes on the earth (Ps. 149:8). When we declare that Jesus is Lord of all, we confirm God's written judgement of satan and all his works (Ps. 149:9).

The most effective intercessors are those who have developed a lifestyle of praise and worship. We will find ourselves strengthened with His power and enabled to live in victory from a position of strength as we consistently make time to praise our wonderful Lord.

Tuesday – Boundaries of Health and Wholeness

Matt. 8:16-17 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "He Himself took our infirmities and carried away our diseases." (Isaiah 53:4-5)

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

Deut. 34:7 Although Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died, his eye was not dim, nor his vigor abated.

Declare your agreement with all that the blood of Jesus purchased, and speak to every physical, mental, and emotional issue, commanding it to be healed.

Wednesday – Boundaries and Blessings for My Family

Psalm 127:3-5

Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them; They will not be ashamed When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Isaiah 44:3-5

'For I will pour out water on the thirsty land And streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring And My blessing on your descendants; And they will spring up among the grass Like poplars by streams of water.' "This one will say, 'I am the Lord's'; And that one will call on the name of Jacob; And another will write on his hand, 'Belonging to the Lord,' And will name Israel's name with honor.

Isaiah 49:25 Surely, thus says the Lord, "Even the captives of the mighty man will be taken away, And the prey of the tyrant will be rescued; For I will contend with the one who contends with you, And I will save your sons [children].

Isaiah 54:13 "All your sons [children] will be taught of the Lord; And the well-being of your sons [children] will be great.

Isaiah 59:21 "As for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the Lord, "from now and forever."

Joel 2:28 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions.

Prov. 31:10-12

An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her, And he will have no lack of
gain. She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

Prov. 31:25-31

Strength and dignity are her clothing, And she smiles at the future.
She opens her mouth in wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is
on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, And
does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and bless
her; Her husband also, and he praises her, saying: "Many daughters
have done nobly, But you excel them all." Charm is deceitful and
beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the Lord, she shall be
praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works
praise her in the gates.

Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the
husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the
church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church
is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands
in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church
and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having
cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might
present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or
wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and
blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their
own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one
ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as
Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be
joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This
mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the
church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his
own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she
respects her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor
your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a

promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Thursday – Boundaries of Ministry, Destiny and Calling

Romans 8:28 – 32

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

1 Thess. 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

Declare specific prophetic words and rhema scriptures you have received.

Friday – Job/Business/Finances

Genesis 1:27-28

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Deut. 8:18 "But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth, that He may confirm His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us -- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" -- in order that in Christ Jesus **the blessing of Abraham** might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal. 3:13-14)*

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

*For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, **so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us**, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Rom. 8:1-4)*

Deut. 28:1-14

"Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

"All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the Lord your God:

"Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.

"Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

"Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

"Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

"The Lord shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.

"The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

"The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways.

"So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they will be afraid of you.

"The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you.

"The Lord will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

"The Lord will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God, which I charge you today, to observe them carefully, and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

Prov. 6:30-31 Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry; but when he [satan] is found, he must repay sevenfold; he must give all the substance of his house.

Prov. 8:17-21

"I love those who love me [Wisdom]; and those who diligently seek me will find me.

"Riches and honor are with me, enduring wealth and righteousness.
"My fruit is better than gold, even pure gold, and my yield better than choicest silver.

"I walk in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, to endow those who love me with wealth, that I may fill their treasuries.

Prov. 11:24-25 There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

Prov. 13:21-22 Adversity pursues sinners, But the righteous will be rewarded with prosperity. A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, and the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

Matt. 6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure -- pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you."

2 Cor. 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

2 Cor. 9:6-12

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency

in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, "He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever." Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

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Our Tribe

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every **family** in heaven and on earth derives its name, (Ephesians 3:14-15)*

- lineage running back to some progenitor, ancestry
- a nation or tribe
- a group of families, all those who in a given people lay claim to a common origin
- the Israelites which distributed into twelve tribes, descended from the twelve sons of Jacob, these were divided into families which were divided into houses

Prophetically, a tribe is a group of people called together by God, in order to reveal certain aspects of His nature and accomplish specific purposes for His kingdom.

Our tribe is characterized by the power and anointing of Holy Spirit, where His rivers of living water are released to create massive transformation in people's lives and the world around us. Our gatherings are marked by tremendous freedom that may appear chaotic to some, but are truly under the leadership of Jesus.

We are a safe place where people can receive what they need from Papa, and where they can learn and experience that there is never any lack in His house. We are those who give birth to dreams and empower dreamers to fulfill them.

We highly value revelation, interpretation and application. We are committed to showing the world an accurate picture of the true nature of our Papa, and our true nature as His sons & daughters. We demonstrate that nothing is impossible for us who are passionate about becoming His mature sons & daughters.

Our Cornerstone Beliefs

- God is good
- Jesus paid it all
- Every person has significance and destiny
- Nothing is impossible

Our Culture of Honor

- **Identity:** We believe we are who Father God says we are. Any label or description of us that He does not agree with is a lie, and must be rejected and replaced with the Truth.
- **Acceptance:** We choose to see each other as He does, not according to physical appearance or behavior. We accept each other as He does, fully and without reservation.
- **Approval:** We celebrate each other's uniqueness, gifting and calling. We are committed to helping each other become all He created us to be, and to do all He created us to do.
- **Belonging:** We choose to love one another as He loves us, blessing and serving one another with joy. We are committed to learning how to live together as His royal family, whose joyful commission is spreading the goodness of our Father's Kingdom wherever He leads us.

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