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# Foreword

It would be fair to state that I am composing this foreword on the heels of a multi week long assault by the enemy in which those attacked have not only survived but emerged victorious.

The phrase "the sweet taste of victory", which I am sure you have heard and hopefully felt a time or two, carries a lot of truth. Proverbs 27:9 *Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart; so doth the sweetness of man's friend by hearty counsel.* That verse highlights the importance of the heart and unity or support of Godly friends. When I hear the word "heart" I think equally of the physical as well as the spiritual heart because the health of one will certainly affect the other. Godly friends prayerfully standing in the gap (or breach) for one another is why the sweet savor of victory was experienced by those attacked and the ONLY way that God's children will see the mission to the end in the present and coming world conditions.

God's Word states; in the last days men's hearts will fail from fear. The fear in the spiritual heart destroys the physical heart thus "game over". This however was not the situation in the recent lengthy attacks that I made reference to in the opening paragraph. The enemy saw that these hearts could not be destroyed out of fear because of unwavering faith in God, so the direct assault was waged purely at the physical heart. Immediate and even pre-emptive prayer through the covering of the Holy Spirit blanketed the enemy's attack. This, my friends is a key example of why the hedges must be maintained through intercession for each other and not giving the enemy a peep show through so much as a tiny hole. Just as it has been said that Navy destroyer/war ships and nuclear submarines are considered our country's first and last line of defense, so is the hedge that God has around each of His children. Whether a nuclear sub or a hedge, in order to function, it must be maintained.

Do not let the size of this very short publication fool you. It will certainly open your eyes to a greater degree than ever before to the importance of maintaining continuity in the hedge. Remember, water will always collect at the lowest point to potentially leak. Isn't it good that blood is thicker than water?

Dennis O'Connor

To a friend I have yet to meet:  
Wesley

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## MAINTAINING HEDGES

*Job 1:10*

***Hast not thou made an hedge about him,  
and about his house, and about all that  
he hath on every side?  
thou hast blessed the work of his hands,  
and his substance is increased in the land.***

The opening Scripture is a quote from Satan accusing God of His protective hedge. Although Satan roams about seeking who may be devoured, the enemy is able to focus on one as a target. Peter was another good example when Jesus said these words: *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”* Luke 22:31-32

If Satan has a complaint with the hedges, then we know the advantage we must have in protection. Our hedge is our covering, just as the Ephesians' armor is a cover. I call it *“concealed to the vanishing point”*, which I found in Scripture under translation after my mother brought it to my attention. Think about that...*concealed to the vanishing point*. This is exactly what we want to be as the enemy roams to and fro. However there are two very important things to consider:

1. An outspoken witness to the Gospel will draw the enemy's attention.
2. A crack in the hedge will draw enemy fire.

Job was an outspoken witness drawing attention from the enemy who could not get at Job for the hedge. Satan, being the cunning serpent, turned Job's outspoken witness into a fearful witness of “What-ifs”. When fear began to speak a crack in the hedge developed giving Satan the foothold needed.

***Ecc1 10:8*** *He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.*

- ***Breaketh*** פָּרַץ *to break out, breach, burst out etc.*

By the definition of the word *breaketh* we see that it is from within the hedge rather than outside that the damage comes. The enemy can only get thoughts through, but we hold the power of what we do with those thoughts. If we take hold of those planted thoughts, it is like taking a hammer against our hedge and breaking out of protection. If we uproot the thought and resist acting upon it, the enemy is foiled and must flee for the time. The world is in the hands of the enemy as God pointed out in Job. However, it does not tell us how long it took before those thoughts chinked the hedge enough for the onslaught that followed.

When people are under attack you will invariably hear someone say, *"We must be doing something right for the enemy to attack us so."* Remember that it is not in doing what is right that draws the fire, it only draws the attention of the enemy. The enemy cannot attack without access, which we hold within our power. When the enemy has you in sight the battle of the thoughts will begin. As fear grows it speaks calling its future into manifestation:

***Job 3:25-4:1*** *For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.*

Job had the "What-ifs" before the hedge began to crumble. Thoughts went into words and the words burst forth through the hedge leaving a wide fissure. One thing to learn from this is whenever you wonder "what-if" attached to thoughts of tragedy: SHUTTETH UP THE LIPS. It is the prelude to Satan's access and your tragedy becomes reality.

***Eccl 10:11-14*** *Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness. A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him?*

Aside from the "what-ifs," there are the "will-nots". When God has given us a direction and we "will-not" comply, we push to break forth

from that hedge of protection. This is willfully done, and instead of a hammer you have a jackhammer! Jonah did it as well as others. This is not as easy to break from as you may think, because the fight is with God. You are wrestling with a force that cannot be resisted and will not flee. If we could see the enemy crouched and waiting for us just outside that hedge we would be less likely to be so eager to get out of God's Will and plan. Cain was warned that very thing from God:

*Gen 4:6-7 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin **lieth** at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.*

- **Sin** חַטָּאת חַטָּאת an offender, punishment
- **Lieth** רָבַץ to *crouch* (on all four legs folded, like a recumbent animal); by implication to *lurk*

If Satan is recumbently crouched outside your hedge, the enemy is resting there continuing to watch and wait with anticipation of victory. I can just see the lion licking its chops in prospect of the outcome. The mortar for hedge repair is communion; the body of Christ for healing and the blood of Christ for salvation and deliverance.

When we see hits to the body from attack after attack our minds can barely wrap around the understanding of what happened. This is the time to encircle the wagons and beef up security. The worst thing to do (and listen carefully) is to run about with the latest report, leave the wagons and push through the barricades of safety. The early settlers never ever left their barricades when the Indians attacked. They did not run from wagon to wagon talking of the news. They gathered their families together, staying close and praying one for another. You can safely send prayer out without breaking the hedge or risking yourself. Your tongue is a loaded weapon and, when in use, it needs to aim at the right target rather than the scatter-gun effect. Here are some rules of thumb:

- 1 Feet running to gossip...Make sure your feet are still.
- 2 Do not talk with a mouth full...of guesses.
- 3 The only thing to do with a phone is PRAY and/or ask for prayer. When my friends call they do not tell me what they are going to

pray about. They simply open with, "I need an agreement," and they begin to pray the Word. It is unnecessary to fill in the blanks as they are subject to change by our prayers. Too much talk will undo the prayer just prayed.

- 4 If you are not sure where to point the gun, it should not be cocked to fire.
- 5 Children should never play with guns. Keep ammunition out of the reach of children. I am amazed how many children are informed of situations too heavy for their little ears to handle. Praying with our children teaches them how to pray. It prepares them for the future as adults.
- 6 Pray the Word and not a storyline.

Example:

**Wrong:** "Dear Lord bless Uncle Remus and help him to stop sleeping around with wild women and getting' drunk as a skunk!" That is gossiping with hands folded and eyes closed.

**Right:** "Dear Lord, Uncle Remus needs your strength and ability to withstand all temptation of the enemy. We stand with him as a threefold cord that is not easily broken. I pray for integrity to rise up within him that he will turn and be converted to help the brethren when they fall. Etc. etc."

Satan has tempted people with delicacies like a juicy story or delicious bit of news. However, the enemy puts just the taste of these on our tongue and tempts us to take a bite. Add a little steak sauce of our own and we have what appears to be juicy dining. However there is just one little catch...we must leave the hedge's protection to run with these hors d'oeuvres the enemy so cunningly prepared.

See how easily prayer can be like gossip? Gossip is never well intended. It is what it is. We may fool others with it but God is no fool. How would you want others to deal in your situation? If we plant gossip we will harvest its crop.

This is a Word from the Lord given to me one Sunday morning. Our church body had felt the blows of attack and many were wounded and hurting:

**WORD OF THE LORD**  
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***“These are the days when the terror strikes not just a country but a home, a family. When you see terror strike a family, in the past you have said, “Those poor people.” I tell you those people are you.***

***The enemy is on the move. The strikes are within your boundary, your perimeter. “Those people” are now you.***

***Where is the family altar built? Where are the families coming to my altar of prayer? Call the children together. Fortify the hedges. Take the Sword of the Spirit and stand strong.***

***The blood of the lamb and the bread of His body are the mortar for the hedge. Crumbling hedges draw fire of the enemy.***

**PRAY-STAND-LOVE**

There are seven characteristics brought up in the Bible that are enemies against God. See how it starts out and then lists the seven enemies of God in order:

***Prov 6:12-15*** *A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.*

These are the ingredients to destruction:

***Prov 6:16-19*** *These six things doth the LORD hate [שנא enemy, foe]: yea, seven are an abomination [תועבה תועבה disgusting abhorrence] unto him:*

1. A proud look,
2. a lying tongue,
3. and hands that shed innocent blood,
4. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,

5. feet that be swift in running to mischief,
6. A false witness that speaketh lies,  
and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Everything we do will add or subtract from our future. So add well, my friend, for you could be the next tidbit for a lurking enemy waiting just beyond the hedge.

God did not inform us by His Spirit as to who did what or which side was right, but gave instruction for safety. The wagons were called together. This was a time to repair downed hedges in each one of us. The Lord keeps us busy minding our own business while having a heart of prayer for the wounded.

# THE GREAT ILLUSIONIST

*Isa 8:19*

***And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?***

Man has a knack for believing a lie over the Truth. People are not the only ones to stir gossip and lies. We are to be the salt of the earth not the spice of gossip. Lot's wife had such a love for Sodom's juicy life that she turned back for more details and then reaaaaaally became the salt of the earth! I do not believe this was what God had intended.

What is your weakness? That will be the crumbling brick in your hedge:

- Do little things frustrate you? Satan has loads of those little things to throw in your direction. It is amazing what little things can affect. A germ that cannot be seen and yet has the ability to wipe out whole villages.
- Self conscious, self aware, self-centered? These are some of the best ingredients for an attack...engraved, embossed, embellished invitations for vexation of spirit. The book of Ecclesiastes, which seems to be writing more about the man than his God, portrays this dilemma.
- Low self-esteem? Listen carefully: when you make yourself low in your eyes, anything will appear larger even Satan. You see, that is the whole point of this illusion since it is the enemy who is under foot! I have never understood how someone, who is a sufferer of this trait, is so easily offended. They see themselves in a low opinion anyway so why fight what seems to be criticism? Yet these are a highly offended bunch.
- Quick passionate? God is not quick to passion regardless of what the OT renders through man. Jehovah is slow to anger because anger is not in His make-up. God *is* LOVE. Remember Jesus taking His time to sit and make a whip one strand at a time, in front of everyone watching, before He got up to swing? God wants our

passions to be God-ward directed in praise rather than accusation toward a brother/sister. Why else would Jesus tell us about removing the mote from our own eye first? Do not look at him/her, but look at you. After all, the very faults we find in others are the hidden faults of ourselves...think about that a while. Also remember that God knows that we are dust, so before we do the white glove test on someone else, we need to clean at home first. [Ouch]

- Perfectionists, who can never be perfect, are doomed to fail becoming the *deviled delicacies de la devourer* (say that ten times fast). It is amazing, though, how these people expect perfection from everyone else when they themselves cannot *perfect* it. They tend to mind everyone else's business but their own. A perfectionist has no place to go but down and in Satan's elevator that is the only button to hit.

How do I know these things you may ask...I own a mirror. I see me before the make-up is applied. Trust me when I tell you that **Mary Kay** cannot hide it all.

God's children are holding a royal flush against an enemy who is not even holding a pair. The problem is our cards are so out of order we do not see that we hold the highest hand. Satan has a bluff going and all the enemy has is something up the sleeve. At best, Satan is an illusionist. If you recall Satan's illusion turned inward enough into a fallen estate of no power or position [Isa 14: 12-15]. Yet we listen to the author of bankruptcy rather than *The Author* and Finisher of our Faith.

God's children hold the keys to the kingdom, the royal priesthood, and yes, even the power to do as Jesus did:

**Luke 17:21** *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the **kingdom of God is within**[ἐντὸς **inside**] you.*

**John 14:12** *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do also**; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*

**1 Peter 2:9** *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

Any card we use is trump against the enemy. We are sitting with a Royal Priesthood; do not fold! Put your hand in order and your cards on the table.

## COMPOUND W

*Deut 19:15*  
*at the mouth of two witnesses,*  
*or at the mouth of three witnesses,*  
*shall the matter be established.*

*Matt 18:16*  
*in the mouth of two or three witnesses*  
*every word may be established.*

Anyone who has ever had a wart especially on the bottom of your foot can relate to the pain and anguish that is felt by so small a thing. Planter's warts...a common devilish plague of pain are little things having the ability to:

- Cause a limp in your ordered steps
- Change you from shoe to flip flops
- Rather than running the race of high calling you elevate.
- If you are an American you become an American't.

In Christianity a wart is one who twists and turns a Scripture. I have limped, had to wear flip flops, elevated and found that I could not do much for pampering that infernal wart. It took a lot to be rid of the nuisance, but I found the relief: Compound W, the wart remover. The earlier you catch it the faster the relief.

Have you ever been accosted by someone wanting to argue opinion of a Scriptural nature yet not using Scripture at all. You find yourself frustrated trying to reason with them. Now you see the problem. It is not so much the wart but the removal of such that has us baffled. We are to be witnesses of Truth not debaters of logic. When someone comes at you with their logical answer, make them back it up with Compound W...two Scriptures from the Word of God.

In the past I have gotten very frustrated with conversations over opinion of God's intent. New opinion comes up to challenge us season upon season. The latest one is that God has divorced Israel from heirship as offspring. Actually it is the latest attack against God's chosen for these end times. It has been because of the church that we have stood by Israel and now it is the church that has judged them unfit. It is not God that has changed, but church opinion. Since the time of Jesus, Gentiles have been grafted in with the chosen, but are we

trying to take over now? Do we forget the prodigal son for whom the father brought out the fatted calf to feast? We should heed the warnings of Jesus:

**Mark 10:35-44** *And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John. But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, be servant of all.*

So are the Gentiles that eager to drink from the same cup of judgment that Israel has? Rather than elevating ourselves or walking with a limp and flip-flops, apply Compound W.

**Rom 2:9-11** *Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, **of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile**; But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the **Jew first, and also to the Gentile**: For there is no respect of persons with God.*

While there is no respect of persons there is such a thing as geographic prophecy. When the Bible says the Messiah will come out of Bethlehem then, Buddy, that is exactly where He will come from.

**Mic 5:2-4** *But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the*

*children of Israel. And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.*

When the Bible speaks of key events, how will we see through these doors if the locks have all been changed? There is no change in the Lord. Remember it is He who authored the book and finished it. We cannot come along and change it with different actors in our own revised, mini series. God's intent has not become sickly needing an understudy. Today there are two mind-sets in this "New Israel":

1. That there is no Old and New Testament, but two separate religions and beliefs. The Bible of Judaism and the Bible of Christianity. Jesus was a Jew but not the Son of God and the Christian Bible is bogus lies. Jesus followed Judean law only.
2. That the Jews have turned from God and God has chosen the Gentiles, specifically America to become the new chosen people. Also, that Israel has nothing to do with geographic placement but is spiritual in nature.

I can see Satan having a field day with these lies to separate God's children wherever they may be. Scriptures have been twisted, all the locks have been changed, and only "They" have the key. Satan knows the Word better than either of the theorists:

***Mark 3:24***

*And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.*

There are many warts planted at our feet and Compound W are two witnesses by which Truth prevails.

## HEDGES OF THE WRONG KIND

*Prov 15:19*

*The way of the slothful man is as  
an hedge of thorns:  
but the way of the righteous is made plain.*

There are two kinds of hedges:

1. The protective hedge of the Lord
2. The cell of captivity for the enemy's prey

God's protective hedge is a hedge not earned nor is it deserved. It is likened to a mother's womb of safety. When lured away and captured by the enemy, Satan is then able to spin a web of deceit from which to entangle its prey. Remember God's Word that says:

***Gal 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

***2 Peter 2:20** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.*

Just like a spider the prey is kept alive and slowly the enemy feeds on it until there is no life left. They are two very different hedges. You can see the hedge of the wrong kind in this in Scripture:

***Lam 3:1-27***

I am the man that hath seen **affliction** by the rod of his wrath. **He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.** Surely against me is he turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day.

*My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones. He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail. He hath **set me in dark places**, as they that be dead of old. He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out: **he hath made my chain heavy.** Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer. He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, **he hath made my paths crooked.***

*He was unto me **as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in***

**secret places.** *He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.*

*I was a derision to all my people; and their song all the day. He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood. He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes. And thou hast **removed my soul far off from peace:** I forgot prosperity. And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD: Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.*

*This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*

Here we read about the hedge of protection being down over Jerusalem and the enemy, the Chaldeans, have gained access to hedge them into captivity 586 BC. It is believed that the prophet Jeremiah wrote this in a cavern just outside the Damascus gate.

Judah broke out from the protective hedge of God, and as you read in the account, are now held in chains of bondage by their oppressor: *"as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places"*.

It appears as though Jehovah is once more being blamed, first as the oppressor and later as a God of compassion. Remember that not much was said of Satan back then. It was not until God came in the flesh to deal with Satan that the enemy was exposed. In the OT God was thought to be the oppressor and in the NT old thought was challenged by Jesus:

**Luke 11:17-20**

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by

Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.

You see in the OT everyone was praying to be healed **from** the plagues of God and in the NT they are being healed **by** God. I have heard parents say to their children, "Pray that I don't kill you," but this is not seriously what God is asking us to do. If God's Will is for you to be stricken, it would be sinful to pray God's Will out of your life.

Let us measure these characteristics from Lamentations and find the oppressor:

- **afflictions**

**Ps 34:18-20** *The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*

- **He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.**

**Ps 119:105** *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*

- **set me in dark places**

**John 8:12** *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

- **he hath made my chain heavy**

**Matt 11:29-30** *Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

- **he hath made my paths crooked.**

**Ps 23:2-3** *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

**Luke 3:5-6** *Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.*

- **as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places**

**1 Sam 17:37** David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear , he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

**2 Tim 4:17** Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

- **He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow. He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.**

**Ps 91:4-6** He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 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.

- **removed my soul far off from peace**

**John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**Rom 16:20** And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Jesus is the challenge to our faith. He is the stumbling stone that trips old thought. HE is the final WORD. What was not clear in the OT is made clear through Jesus. The invitation to receive Truth stands at the door knocking and has even sent His servants to invite you to come into all Truth that you may be filled:

**Luke 14:23**

*And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

[See Addendum --->]

## **Addendum**

It reads in the OT that God can take away the hedge of protection. This is not an individual hedge, but the hedge around governments and nations. For how can God removed a hedge well maintained and blood washed by the righteous. That is up to the individual. Those whose nation's or government's leaders will not follow God, but transgress God's laws will have their hedge removed. All who live under that rule are affected. There is a marked difference in the individual hedge and a nation's hedge.

Our country is not in a stable position as in years past. Our leaders openly go against God's laws and her hedge has been crumbled. We find ourselves in a hedge withdrawn. Yet those who follow God are individually hedged for these days of uncertainty.

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