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# Words of Life News

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## The Hedge and the Crash Bar

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The dominant theme in Scripture is the great love of Sovereign God for His creation. The second is man's free will. The essence of Biblical free will is choosing from two available options: obedience or disobedience to God. God wishes that all men would choose to walk with Him for eternity.

The joy of salvation and the anticipation of eternity rests on the understanding that our God is All-knowing (Omniscient), All-powerful (Omnipotent) and Everywhere present (Omnipresent), that all things were created by Him and through Him and for Him (John 1:1-5). His intimate knowledge of each of us is our encouragement, our comfort, and our peace (Psalm 139).

Our greatest battle in life is not providing food, clothing, and shelter for family, though these are seriously important. It is our *spiritual battle*; it is resisting Satan's fiery darts which tempt us to forget God's command to be holy because He is holy; it is fought in our minds, every day (Ephesians 6:12). Praise God for providing armor for the daily battle.

Our battle to be holy in God's sight begins in our attitude toward Him which develops in our minds and hearts. Eve listened to Satan, observed the fruit and acted. David saw Bathsheba, lusted for her and acted. Joseph continually rejected the advances of his owner's wife telling her he could not do this evil and sin against God. When she attempted to force him, he ran! Daniel purposed in his heart, then stood up for his convictions.

These four exercised free will in their struggle to keep a pure heart and mind before God. In this ongoing spiritual battle God promises to protect His obedient people. Today we also rest on His promises (Matthew 11:28-30).

When Satan accuses God of protecting Job, he gave us the mental picture of a hedge that blocks traffic (Job 1:9-11). Notice with pleasure and comfort that *Satan must ask God for permission to attack me and you!*

The spiritual hedge God provided is His Sovereign Protective Power recorded in Romans 8:1,31-39. Our God offers and guarantees absolute

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protection from Satan – a created being who before time chose to disobey God, becoming the father of all that is evil (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-15).

The only entrance into the hedge of God is through the blood of Jesus, the Christ. (John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 2:37-38).

Within His hedge God maintains the responsibility of *free will* for all occupants who have accepted His offer of salvation and wait for His coming for us. No one is forced to remain in the presence of God.

His hedge has an exit door whose outside blends invisibly into the hedge with no possible entrance. But, inside the hedge, the exit door is equipped with a crash bar that is visible to everyone. A simple push on the bar opens the door allowing one to leave the protective hedge and return to Satan's world. No key or password is needed; only the decision to leave. (Examine Psalm 73:1-3, 16-17; John 6:66-71; Hebrews 6:1-6; John 13:21-32).

Without the exit door with the crash bar, Satan's accusation would stand. He argues that God's hedge blocks all travel, in or out. Thus Job is held prisoner. God did not create puppets. From Genesis through Revelation the privilege and responsibility to choose is evident. He pleads with us to choose to walk with Him obeying His will.

God's eternity will be populated by volunteers with proven loyalty. Find this promise in His judging and rewarding our Christian works (II Corinthians 5:10; I Corinthians 12:4-11; 3:10-15; Revelation 21:1-7, 9-27). Also examine His judgment of all who chose to refuse His offer of salvation, (Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8).

The apostle Paul emphasizes to the Colossian church their glorious position in Christ and their responsibility to maintain their place in the shelter of God's hedge: "And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, *yet* He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, *in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach – if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard*" (Colossians 1:21-23a).

God's love is sensitive to our heart's desires and to our weaknesses. We are prone to change our minds. Until we leave this life we must continually guard against Satan's fiery darts, which intend to break our faith.

Defeating Satan requires wearing the full armor of God every day! Reflect on God's great love. Reflect on eternity. Choose the protective hedge of God. Cling to Him and rejoice! Amen.

Buford Smith

Radio Africa—Ghana

May God continue to bless you for regularly coming to us with your inspiring program., “Words of Life” on Radio Africa every week.

Thank you all. Your messages have impacted my faith in my walking with the Lord daily.

Hope to hear from you.

Pastor Andrews Aboagye, Universal Church of Jesus, Kotobabi Branch, P. O. Box 100, Abeka-Accra, Ghana, Sept. 18, 2019

Praise the Lord Almighty for the good work you are doing in spreading the Word of God through “Words of Life” program on Radio Africa,

I am quite grateful for the bringing of the Gospel to our homes for transformation.

God bless you and thanks so much.

Emmanuel Seth Adams, C, O. P. Adenta Housing Down Assm, P. O. Box 782, Adenta -Accra, Ghana, Sept. 17, 2019.

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### **Radio Africa—Ghana**

Xhensil Shkemi is a student at Korca’s Fan S. Noli University. He is actively engaged in socialcultural life in the city, and quite often he visits the station to share about social events engaging youth in our town. Xhensil says that Radio Emmanuel has had a great impact on his life and on the lives of other youth he knows.

Xensil says: Radio Emmanuel offers a simple message to youth. The message brings a new meaning to youths’ lives. Youth in Korca are happy to hear this program and are positively being impacted by the Christian perspective in relation to issues that they cannot find answers elsewhere. The word of God is very important in building our characters and informing us as Christians in relation to what God has for us. I’m enjoying listening to the recent “Words of Life” programs about the End Times and Revelation. The day of the Lord is near and we need to prepare our hearts. I want to thank the Words of Life ministry for their programs that give so much detail and information about important issues concerning us.

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