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THE UNTOUCHABLE CHRISTIAN

1 John 5:18

Bible Reading: Psalm 91:1-16; 1 John 5:1-21

There is a set of people the devil can neither touch nor destroy; they are called Christians or born-again people. They are untouchable because they love God and are covered by Him (Psa 91:1,4). They cannot be harmed because they are followers of that which is good (1 Pet 3:13). Some Christians pray endlessly and fearfully for protection against powers of darkness; but the Bible tells us that the secret of preservation is to remain under the wings of God most High. What are the peculiarities of untouchable Christians?

THEIR CHARACTERISTIC VIRTUE

“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not...” A life free from sin is terror to Satan. The greatest defeat is the defeat of sin. Where no sin is, Satan has no legal hold. Born-again people are victorious:

1. They are begotten of God, born of the Holy Spirit, born anew, born from above. They have God's nature; God's gene is in them (1 John 3:1,2; 4:4,15; 5:1; 2 Cor 5:17).
2. They have what it takes to overcome sin: God's seed. The new birth is God's cure for sin; no other power can overcome sin but the wonder of the new birth (John 3:3-9; 8:7-12,34-36; Rom 8:1-4).
3. They do not sin because they are children of a holy God. They may be tempted but they have the grace or capacity to resist (Pro 1:10; Rom 6:1-4,11-14; Tit 2:11,12; 1 John 1:5-7; 2:1; 3:4-10).

THEIR CONSTANT VIGILANCE

“...but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself...” Born-again people maintain victory over the wicked one by leaning upon their Saviour and keeping themselves in His love:

1. Born-again people fear God and hate sin (Gen 39:7-10; Psa 26:1-12; 97:10; Pro 8:13; 1 John 5:21).
2. They are not presumptuous; they do not expose themselves to temptation; rather, they run away from tempters and objects of sin (Gen 39:11,12; Mat 4:5-7; John 10:4,5; 1 Cor 6:18).
3. They watch and pray so they do not enter temptation. They are careful, cautious, circumspect (Pro 1:10; Mat 6:13; 26:41; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Phil 3:2; Heb 12:14-17; Jude 1:20,21).

THEIR CONFIRMED VICTORY

“... and that wicked one toucheth him not”. Satan is the author of all evil. He harms people with sicknesses and afflictions. He can contaminate Christians and churches with immorality, lust, false doctrine, hypocrisy, pride, worldliness, etc. His objective is to steal their blessing, kill them spiritually and destroy them eternally. But those who keep themselves will not be contaminated by Satan; they will remain untouchable:

1. Born-again people enjoy full protection from God (John 1:6-10; Psa 91:1-16; 1 Pet 3:10-13).
2. God upholds all His trusting children (John 10:27-29; Acts 20:32; Jude 1:24,25; 1 Cor 10:12-14).
3. Born-again people overcome the roaring lion (John 10:10; 1 Pet 5:8-11; 1 John 2:13,14).
4. They have eternal perspective: they will receive a crown of life if they keep their victory to the end (2 Tim 4:7,8; Jam 1:12; Rev 2:10).

Never fear the devil or his agents. Keeping yourself in God's love, that wicked one will not touch you. He will not infect you with the venom of sin, which opens the way to all his terror, affliction and ultimately, eternal destruction. For **“we know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”**