

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." Psalms 23:5 KJV



The clownfish is an average of 3 inches long, not much larger than a minnow, is immune to the stinging cells of the anemone, and hides from predators in its stinging nettles. It can survive off the fragments of the anemone's meals. The anemone will kill any other fish that comes near by simply touching it. In a limited sense, this where believers find themselves. *"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."* Just as the Samaritan woman understood; all she needed was a crumb of God's grace. *"Then came she and worshipped Him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' But He answered and said, 'It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.'* And she said, *'Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.'* Then Jesus answered and said unto her, *'O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.'* And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." God's "crumbs" will satisfy men for eternity! In His light, we can live satisfied, peaceful, and secure lives in the very presence of the rabid wolves of wickedness! Light annihilates darkness by its mere presence. Evil cannot survive the presence of the Almighty Jehovah! *"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now letteth will let, (Holy Spirit) until He be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."* Do you realize, Dear Believer, that the Holy Spirit that grants your life with His presence, is also the shield of that life? Men kill the body, but never the soul! Jesus said, *"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows."* Paul wrote, *"Your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our Life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory."* We actually live, breathe, and move "in the presence" of our enemy, Satan who cannot harm a hair on us except by permission. When we disobey God, we give him that permission and he will use it ruthlessly! *"Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast IN THE FAITH."* Trusting obedience to God's Word, faith, is our defense. *"Above all, taking the SHIELD OF FAITH, wherewith ye shall be able to quench ALL the fiery darts of the wicked."* It is impossible without faith!

My enemy can wield no threat,
Can cause no harm nor fear nor fret,
If I but stay within the right,
Of God my Saviour, Lord of Light! ~CGP

I can live in peace in the world, because the "Prince of Peace" is my world! Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you."* Peace is the crucial test of faith. Do you have peace – not happiness, peace? Lions roar to frighten prey. The roar doesn't harms, leaving the hiding place does. Satan distracts with the roar of circumstance. Stay focused on God's Word and confidence will remain unshakeable! Allow the roar of the tempest to distract, and you'll sink.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 KJV