

*"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His Angels charge over thee, **To Keep Thee In All Thy Ways.**" Psalm 91:9-11 KJV*

The prodigal son would not have had to return to home if he had never left. The reason we have troubles is, because we don't stay with God. Oh, we visit Him, but He is not our "habitation." He may even be a daily stop on our path, but He isn't where we eat and sleep; only where we go in emergencies; a hospital, if you will. If we would just stay home, instead of running off, like the prodigal son, God wouldn't have to keep looking for our return. Father gives us what we need, and then some, but if we keep on living "our way," we'll find ourselves feeding hogs and hungering for hog slop! Father has all we need and if we abide with Him we shall never lack! We can rest and relax in His Favor and Bountiful Substance. God's Provision isn't His Blessings His Commands are, because Provision lines the path of obedience! You don't find apples in a corn field, and you won't find God's Provision on the path of disobedience. *"Be not deceived, God is not mocked; whatsoever a man soweth, that, shall he also reap."* If you sow indifference, apathy, negligence, and ignorance, you can expect to reap the same! Only those who run on the race course can expect to win the race! We wouldn't have to come home if we just LIVED with the KING. Nothing can harm nor alarm in the Presence of the Almighty! Satan dares not approach us in God's Presence! Abraham understood this and would rather be where and do what God wanted, than have even an only beloved son! For this reason he was called, *"The Friend of God. Greater Love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."* Not only did Abraham NOT lose his son, but his seed is as the sand of the sea. God chose the lineage of Abraham to bring forth the Promised *"Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."* It was, Mary, a daughter of Abraham, who was chosen to carry the Christ Child. Abraham abode with God and defeated kings to rescue loved ones. *"He looked for a City whose Builder and Maker is God."* This world is not home for believers. We *"see afar off [and] through a glass darkly...by faith...that we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth."* Jesus prayed, *"I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth."* You can live on your own with evil lurking to slay you, or you can just walk with God! *"Nay, in all these things we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS through Him that Loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."* Not even death can separate God from His own!



When we by faith obey His Word,  
We then abide with Christ our Lord,  
He'll keep us safe from all alarm,  
And watch lest we should come to harm. –CGP

Jesus prayed in the hours before His death for His beloved children. His concerns were for their peace and comfort. (John chap. 13-17) If God is our "habitation," Father will keep us safe, forever!

*"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:31-32 KJV*