

“After these things the Word of the LORD Came unto Abram in a vision, Saying, ‘Fear not, Abram: I Am Thy Shield, And Thy Exceeding Great Reward.” Genesis 15:1 KJV



Money is both reward and security to unbelievers. Fortunes are spent trying to make fortunes to buy power and control. The wealthier man is, the more powerful he feels. Power becomes an addiction, avarice takes over, and “more” is never enough! A millionaire was asked, “How much is enough?” He replied, “Just a little more!” Men steal and kill just to amass wealth. The *“LOVE of money is the root of ALL evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* Not money, but the “love” of it is the source of man’s

pain and suffering! Job security makes one feel able to provide for himself and family, but we seldom thank God for the health He provides us! We’re all looking for security! God told Abraham, *“I Am Thy...Exceeding Great Reward.”* Trusting implicitly in God, brings wealth and security. When God is our Treasure, our definition of wealth changes dramatically! God Is the believer’s Portion and Protection. He Keeps evil at bay, while our obedience builds a hedge of protection. Catastrophes are averted, because we walked with God instead of away from Him! Countless close calls are thwarted in any given day. We fret about traffic lights, when God may be slowing us down to miss an accident miles later. *“In EVERYTHING give thanks!”* We should not be as desirous of the “gifts” as of the “Giver.” Is it better to have the possessions and be responsible for them, or to just ask daily for what we need from the Heavenly Father? *“Give us THIS DAY our DAILY bread.”* Think of the small child who goes all day without a thought of dinner. Father Made And Owns the universe! It makes more sense to just trust Him for our DAILY needs! I have no way of knowing tomorrow’s needs today, but Father does. *“Your Heavenly Father Knoweth what ye have need of before ye ask.”* Trust God to Provide what you need, and be content with what YOU have. *“Godliness with contentment is great gain!”*

Invincible, omnipotent, my shield is God above;
No matter evil’s grand intent, I’m sheltered in His Love! –CGP

Are you fed and warm? *“Having food and raiment let us therewith be content.”* God will neither leave believers desolate nor forsaken. King David wrote, *“The steps of a good man Are Ordered by the LORD: and He delighteth in His Way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD Upholdeth him with His Hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the Righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.”* When we allow ourselves to covet worldly wealth, we are no better than Adam and Eve. To desire more than God provides is covetousness. His Reward Is *“Exceeding Great;”* constantly surpassing great. *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* Why should we even fear death? We allow ourselves to be so, distracted by the fearsome wind and waves of circumstance we sink in its despair and doubt. If you are sinking in the doubt and despair of circumstances, God Still Commands its tempest waiting to save those who cry out, *“Lord, save me!”* When God says, *“Peace: Be Still! All is quiet!*

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