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True Security



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> For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;
> you surround them with your
> favor as with a shield.
> (Psalm 5:12)

David was sure of one thing: God blesses the righteous. We need to be no less sure. Today many sources to which we looked for security and certainty have failed us. Trusted political and financial institutions are crumbling around us. But there is one thing in life that is still sure: God blesses the righteous.

This simple, unchanging fact has important practical implications for the way we live. On the one hand, we need to devote less time and effort to making provision for material security. On the other hand, we need to be more concerned about making sure our lives are right before God; that we qualify for that blessing of the LORD which He reserves for the righteous – and only for the righteous.

The blessing of the LORD also brings His protection with it. David says, "You surround them [the righteous] with your favor as with a shield." God's favor is toward the righteous. When we cultivate His righteousness, then His favor encircles us like a shield on all sides. It shields us against the blows and the pressures of life. It comes between us and the forces of evil that seek to destroy us – forces too powerful and cunning for us to deal with in our own strength or wisdom. We have no protection against these forces except the invisible but also invincible shield that is the LORD's favor.

In the light of these unchanging laws that govern our lives, we need to reexamine our priorities. Righteousness pays better – and more enduring – dividends than cleverness or expediency or self-interest.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).

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