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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Ps. 5:11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You. (NIV)

Sometimes, bad things happen to God's people. This is not because the LORD is not watching over us, but because we live in a fallen world, rife with sin. But today's verse reminds us that even in the toughest of times, we can take refuge in the only One that can truly protect and provide for us. I cannot begin to tell you all the many times that attacks, heartache, troubles and testing has come my way. But God has always been there to spread His wings of protection over me and around me. Whether it was in times of service or even in times of temptation, He has continually been there for me and has provided for me. Why? It is certainly not because of anything that I deserve. It is not because of who I am, but instead because of whose I am. I am a child of the living God! He loves me. He cares for me. He protects me. He provides for me. And, He always will.

The result of that is that I will ever sing His praises being filled with His joy. That's why that even in a fallen world, we enjoy the presence and protection of the King! That's why we can sing for joy and praise Him continually, in the hard times and the times of great blessing. Paul extols the reason in **Phil. 4:12-13** *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him Who gives me strength. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, You are my rock and my shield. You are my fortress and my protection. I look to You for every need that I have. You will always protect and provide for Your children. We are truly blessed beyond measure. In Jesus Name, Amen