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**The Lord wants you to live in His light.**

**Ps. 18:30** *As for God, His way is perfect: the LORD'S word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him.*

The Hebrew word for *shields* is **Magen** which means *to cover you with large scales or surround you as a buckler*. Now just think for a minute or two about that statement from the LORD our God. In other words, God is our complete protector against anything that would come against us. In fact, Magen is used as part of His name; Jehovah Magen which means our shield and protection. It is used in **Ps. 18:2** *The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

I remember back in my football days how important it was to wear good equipment, especially a good helmet. As freshmen, we basically got the leftovers when it came to equipment. I recall the day the coaches handed out our pads and helmets. I was excited to be a part of a good team. The only problem was that the helmet I got was missing a couple of pads around the earholes. Basically, my helmet would smash into the side of my head on every contact or hit. It wasn't very pleasant I can attest to you. Oh, but when I made varsity, and I got a brand-new helmet, it was amazing. I didn't know how comfortable and protected my head would be.

God is our shield, and He wants to caress you with His mighty arms and protect you from the evil intent of the ones who hate Him. He will watch over you and keep you safe. Now, you might be asking a question here: why do bad things still happen to me if I am His child. The condition in this verse centers around His Way and His Word. His protection comes when we take refuge in Him and allow His Word to control every part of our being. As we abide in Him, He shields us from all the attacks of the evil one and those that would seek to hurt or harm you. You can trust Jehovah Magen because He will watch over you.

**Dear LORD, help us to stay in Your mighty presence and not wander outside of Your will and Your way. You will watch over us as a shepherd watches over his sheep. Thank You for being our Shield. In Jesus Name, Amen**