



# True Security

John 10:27-30; 1 Peter 1:3-5

## *Desire for Security*

When we listed things that people desire, “security” was mentioned. “Security” may be defined as “the state of being safe, stable, and free from fear or anxiety.”

## *Kinds of Security*

1. What kinds of “security” do people desire?



2. How do people obtain these kinds of security? What does it depend on?

What does the Bible say? The Bible talks about both physical and spiritual security.

## *Physical Security*

In the Old Testament, when God gave “the Law” to His people (Israel) before they entered the “promised land,” He said:

📖 “Follow my decrees and be careful to obey my laws, and you will live safely (securely) in the land” (*Leviticus 25:18, NIV; cp. Deuteronomy 12:10*).

If God’s people were faithful to Him, they would “live securely in the land” because God would protect them. In general, if people sought and applied God’s wisdom, they would “live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm” (*Proverbs 1:33*). While Israel did enjoy times of relative security (*1 Kings 4:25*), they failed to live by God’s instructions, and their security was lost.

3. Do you think living according to God’s instructions results in greater physical security? Does it guarantee (assure) physical security in this life? Why or why not?<sup>1</sup>



## *Promised Security*

The people of Israel lost their security in the land, but God promised a King in the line of David. This future King would reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.

📖 “In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety (security). This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.” (*Jeremiah 23:5-6, NIV*)

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<sup>1</sup> We often face harm because of our own bad thinking and behavior. Living according to God’s instructions helps us to live wisely and avoid the harmful consequences of our own ignorance and sin. But even if we live godly lives, we can be harmed by the bad attitudes and actions of others, as well as sickness, accidents, natural disasters, etc. We live in a fallen world! Also, Christians may actually face greater physical danger because of opposition to God. While God often protects His children from physical harm, He has not promised complete physical safety in this life.

This promised King is Jesus Christ. He is the crucified and risen Savior and Shepherd of those who believe in him and follow him. Jesus said...

📖 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." (*John 10:27-30, NIV*)

The full realization of the Kingdom of safety is future, but the believer's security is present.

📖 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time." (*1 Peter 1:3-5, NIV*)

📖 "Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come." (*2 Corinthians 1:21-22, NIV; cp. Ephesians 1:13-14*)

📖 "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (*Romans 8:31, NIV*)

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4. Considering the above verses and our answers to questions 1 and 2, in what ways is "security in Jesus Christ" different from other kinds of security?



5. We all live in a world full of evils, dangers, injuries, loss and death. What do we need to do to have "true security?"

6. As Christians, what can we do to feel safe and stable, and be free from fear and anxiety, on a daily basis?<sup>2</sup>

What can separate believers from the security of God's love? Nothing! Read Romans 8:31-39.

## Reflection & Application

- Worldly security is earthly and temporary, and it *will* be lost. But "security in Jesus" is truly secure, forever! Do you need to trust in Jesus as your Savior and Shepherd?
- Brothers & sisters, *where* are you seeking your security? Are you experiencing any fear or anxiety because you feel unsure, unstable, or unsafe? Be reminded that "true security" is found in Jesus. Review this lesson along with the referenced Bible verses, and pray for a fresh understanding and awareness of God's promises, presence, power and peace.

<sup>2</sup> For one thing, we can meditate on the above Bible passages along with many others, like Psalm 23; Psalm 27:1, 14; Psalm 46; Psalm 118:1-7; Proverbs 29:25; Romans 8:28-39; and Philippians 4:6-7.