

“GOD IS OUR DEFENDER” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our *Defender*. He is the One Who can protect us from danger, attack or harm and guards and shields us.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Psalm 35:22-23 "Lord, You have seen this; do not be silent. Do not be far from me, Lord. Awake, and rise to my *defense*! Contend for me, my God and Lord..."

As we look at these verses written by David in a time when he was struggling with Saul's oppression on his life, we see that he knew Who his true source of *defense* came from, the Lord his God. Saul was constantly used by an evil spirit to go after David's life, trying to seek him out to destroy him because he knew that God had great plans for him and he wanted to thwart those plans (I and II Samuel). As we look at David's story, we see that he placed his hope in God his *Defender* throughout his life. From the time David was anointed to be king to the time God fulfilled that promise, it took over 15 years and during that whole time Satan used Saul to go after David's life, but Saul and the enemy never won! And this is true in our own lives, the enemy never wins when God is our *Defender*! Just as David had to go through a lot of difficult times to mold and shape him into being the leader that God called him to be over Judah and eventually over all of Israel, God is doing the same in our own lives and those we are lifting up in prayer. It may mean we and our loved ones will have to go through hard things, but God will still *defend* us and help us walk through those difficult times with Him, molding us to be something that He has called us to be or do. Instead of getting discouraged from what is happening or by what we see, let us pray that we and our loved ones will walk through those situations trusting that the Lord is with us, *defending* us, strengthening us and molding us to be and do what He has called us to. Let us pray that as the enemy attacks us through temptations, struggles, people and uses circumstances to thwart us, that the Lord will help us overcome. Let us pray that our Lord, our *Defender*, will guard and shield us against this enemy and make us strong to live out the amazing plans He has for each one of us! Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our "*Defender*". O Lord, may we and...

(names of those you are praying for)

look to You, knowing You have seen our situations, and ask that You be not silent. That You will not be far from us, Lord. That You will awake and rise to our *defense*. Contend for us, oh Lord our God. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, we were yours before we were ever anyone else's and we trust in You that You will do this for us as we humbly ask, all for the glory of Your name. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.