

## SHIELD

Daily Meditation – Friday March 28, 2025

The Bible says, “Behold our *shield*, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed. For the Lord God is a sun and *shield*; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Ps. 84:9; 11).<sup>1</sup>

The Psalmist wrote, “O Israel, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their *shield*. O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their *shield*. You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord; He is their help and their *shield*” (Ps. 115:9-11).

A shield represents protection. “The shield was a hard object, generally made of metal, with which a warrior protected his body from the weapons of the enemy. In the biblical period, shields came in all sizes and shapes. Some shields were made of leather or wood. Another word for shield is buckler.”<sup>2</sup>

David, the mighty warrior stated, “He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a *shield* and bulwark” (Ps. 91:4).

David wrote Psalm Thirty-five regarding “Prayer for Rescue from Enemies.” He says, “Contend, O Lord, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me. Take hold of buckler and *shield* and rise up for my help” (Ps. 35:1-2).

Jeremiah the prophet foretold the defeat of Pharaoh. He stated, “To Egypt, concerning the army of Pharaoh Neco king of Egypt, which was by the Euphrates River at Carchemish, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: ‘Line up the *shield* and buckler, and draw near for the battle’” (Jer. 46:2-3)!

Let’s meditate on the first two verses of this daily meditation for awhile. The Psalmist said, “Behold our *shield*, O God, and look upon the face of Your anointed. For the Lord God is a sun and *shield*; the Lord gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Ps. 84:9; 11).

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Nelson, *Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1995), p. 119.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe you raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!