

GOD'S HEDGE

In his first court appearance, Satan ask this rhetorical question and followed it with a two-fold answer:

Question: “Hast Thou (God) not made a hedge (suk / kal pf) about him (Job) and his house and all that he has, on every side?” (expected yes)

Two-fold answer – “Thou hast blessed (barak / piel pf) the works of his hands, and his possessions (cattle) have increased (parats / kal pf) in the land.” (Job 1:10)

It was Satan who made these three declarations of truth regarding God’s Hedge.

- God’s hedge is a **divine protector** around the believer (about him and on every side).
- God’s hedge has **divine prosperity** inside it (blessed the works of his hands).
- God’s hedge has **divine possessions** increasing beyond it (in the land).

This lesson will study SIX aspects of God’s Hedge
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1. Satan declared four personal factors regarding God’s Hedge as a divine protector of the believer in the angelic conflict.

- Personal – “Around believer.”
- People – “Around believer’s house.”
- Possessions – “Around all that the believer has.”
- Perimeter – “Around every side of the believer.”

This same Hebrew word (suk / hedge) was used to describe King David’s protection of Nabal’s herds in 1 Sam.25:16 – “They were a wall (hedge) to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep.” God used a spiritual mature believer as a protective hedge for a reversionistic believer twice (David and Abigail).

2. God’s hedge around Sarah is recorded to have worked twice for her.

- The first incident was recorded in Gen.12: 10-19. Sarah was given to Pharaoh (12:17-20) read.
- The second incident was recorded in Gen.20:1-18. Sarah was given to Abimelech (20:3-7) read.

This is mentioned in 1 Pet.3:5-6 for Church age women.

3. God’s hedge was around the Israel’s in the Exodus (Ex.14: 4,12-31).

4. God’s hedge was around Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego during the Nebuchadnezzar fiery furnace incident (Dan.3: 15-30, 24-30 - read).

It was also around David in Darius’ lion den (Dan.6: 15-24, 23 – read).

5. God’s hedge was around Jesus during the Garden of Gethsemane arrest. (Matt.26:52-54)

Twelve legions of angels and God’s spiritual sword (Eph.6: 17), not Peter’s flesh sword will bring the plan of God to fulfillment (2 Cor.10: 3-5).

6. One of God’s hedges in the angelic conflict for the church age believer is sealing and earnest ministry of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor.1: 22; 5:5; Eph.1: 13-14; 4:30).