

John 17:11-16
He Will Keep Us to the End!
(pt. 2)

Bible-believing Christians are tempted to cave in, to cower in a corner, to flee in fear of _____, or worst yet, to abandon the faith altogether! This prayer is both needed and greatly appreciated!

John 17:11-19 Sermon Outline

- 1) **The Recipients of Jesus' (Second) Petition**
- 2) **The Reasons for Jesus' Petition** (*points 1-2 were highlighted in the April 30th sermon*)
- 3) **The Priorities of Jesus' Petition** (*last week and today's sermon*)

From what or from whom do Christ's disciples need spiritual protection from?

- A) *We need spiritual protection from anti-Christian forces in the big, bad world.*
 - B) *We need spiritual protection from the Evil One.*
- 4) **The Purpose(s) of Jesus' Petition** (*today's sermon*).

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing(s) you heard today? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

From your limited perspective, in what ways/areas do you need spiritual protection?

What are some reasons Christians are tempted to compromise; to give in to fear and flee (rather than stay and fight the good fight of faith); to cower in a corner; or worst of all, to abandon the Christian faith altogether? Review page one notes. Note John 15:18-20; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Hebrews 10:32-39; 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Peter 4:12.

It's a wolf eat sheep world. We need spiritual protection, a Divine Guardian, a loving Protector. It's also a very sinful (dark) world. We need the grace of God poured out in our hearts that we might be holy, progressively sanctified in the truth.

What is the biblical doctrine of Divine preservation? How is it related to eternal security and the perseverance of the saints? Note John 17:11-16; Philippians 1:6; Jude 24-25; Romans 8:28f

What are some related hymns/praise songs that underscore how God watches out for/protects His people? Put these songs on your playlist and stand firm in the strength of the Lord!

In what sense can John 17:11-21 and Romans 15:13 serve as a prayer guide for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Jesus' Parting Prayer for Spiritual Protection Should Impact Our Christian Lives in 3 Ways:

1) This prayer should give us peace! (*John 14:27; John 10:28-30*)

2) This prayer should embolden us! (*Psalm 27; 28:7 121; 1 Timothy 6:12*)

3) This prayer should greatly encourage us! (*John 16:1, 33; Psalm 23; 17:11-16*)

What did the preacher mean when he said last week that the LORD will never "pull a David on us. Note 2 Samuel 11:14-17.

How else can I/should I apply today's passage to my Christian walk?

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