

# The Bishop's Corner

## *Deliver Us from Evil*

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you. Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (I Peter 1:3-5 KJV).” “Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25 KJV).”

We're kept by the power of God, which is the Holy Ghost, in every area of our lives, and we must always want Him to keep us in everything. When things are right and in God, they are not evil, and they will not hurt us because all good and perfect things come from heaven. (James 1:17)

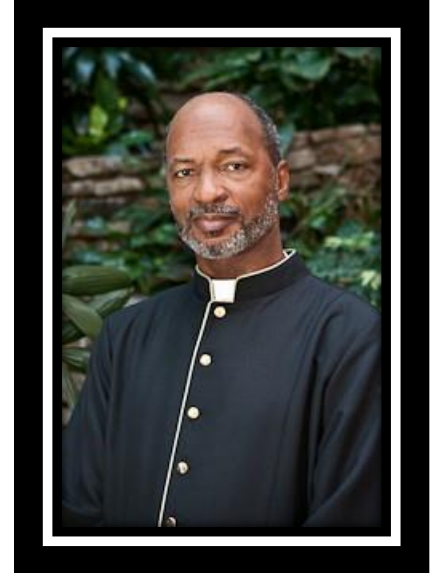
We should not let anything in the world separate us from God because those things that separate us from God are evil. If we let evil overthrow us, the devil wins. The devil wants to devour us (I Peter 5:6). Don't be afraid to go to the Word of God to see if a thing is from God or not, because God desires to lead us away from evil. Ask God every day to keep you from things that keep you from Him and those things that disturb your peace. We need to practice coming to God instead of expecting others to pray for us.

Job was the richest man in the east, and he loved God and hated evil no matter where it was (Job 1:1-12). Job shows us that we can prosper on the earth and still love God. We must love righteousness and hate evil and set our affections on things above and not on things of this earth (Colossians 3:2). Prepare yourself every day to go back with Jesus when He comes so that you are ready, even if today is your last day.

Like Jesus, we must be found in the will of God and doing the will of God. Never lose sight that you're following God and doing His will. You can't be in and out of the will of God at the same time. If you find yourself out of the will of God, pray and ask God to bring you back. Jesus was always in the will of God, yet He was tempted in all points like us, but without sin (Hebrews 4:15). Even the devil tempted Jesus in the wilderness, but Jesus rebuked him, and the devil left (Luke 4:5-8). We too must do God's will; resist the devil, and he will flee from us (James 4:7)

God bless you,

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