

# Divine Protection

Romans 8:31-39

Introduction: In 4th Century, a mob in Antioch destroyed the statue of the emperor because of a tax raise. When the Emperor threatened to destroy the city, the people were in fear. Here is the sermon Chrysostom preached in response.

When dealing with fear we must...

## I. Love Wisely

What is most important to you?

Things, people, God, status?

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world...

John 3:16 Learn to receive love

Jn 13:35 know you are my disciples, love one another

1 Jn 4:18 Perfect love casts out fear

## II. Give Generously

If what is yours only belongs to you for a time, what to do?

Luke 16:1-13 Parable of the shrewd servant

More than money: time, heart, life

More blessed to give than receive, Acts 20:35

God loves a cheerful giver, 2 Corinthians 9:7

## III. Pray Devotedly

Prayer is a light to the soul

James 5:13, Pray of a righteous one avails much

Luke 11:1, Prayer must be taught

Colossians 4:2 Devote self to prayer

Pray simply: the perfect is enemy fo the good

read your Bible: two way conversation

Regular: ex ample of Daniel, Jesus

Expect: See God work in your life

Exodus 14:13. Expect to see God's power in your life

## IV. Live Thankfully

The Lord has placed you here for a reason, Esther 4:14

Rejoice for living at this time, Philipians 4:4

Rejoice for your brethren, Philipians 1:3

Rejoice for obeying the gospel

Romans 8

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If **God is for us**, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*

*33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.*

*38 For I am persuaded that **neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

GOD IS FOR US!!!

**YOU COST TO MUCH  
TO WASTE**

WHO???  
CAN DEFEAT US?

**WHO BRINGS A CHARGE?  
WHO SEPARATES?**

NOR!!!  
GOD IS FOR US