

## **A Three-fold Hedge Around The Godly**

Recently, I came across a scripture that brought forth much illumination and delight to my soul. Divine protection is the heritage of the righteous saints (Ps 5:12). The amazing revelation came from the comment of our adversary, Satan who told God, "You have made a hedge around him and his house and all that he has on every side." (Job 1:10) From what Satan said, we learn three great truths. God has put a threefold hedge around a godly man and woman: Firstly around him/her personally, secondly around his/her family, and thirdly around his/her finances and property. Satan knew that was a divine fact in the spiritual world. We cannot see those hedges, but they are there.

The most comforting fact was that none of those 3 hedges can be opened up without God's permission. Satan sought God's permission to have access to get through those hedges. The Lord Jesus told Peter something similar, many years later: "Satan has asked for permission to sift you." (Lk 22:31) How did Jesus keep the hedge close? By his intercession for Peter (Lk 22:32)

Isaiah the prophet once proclaimed, "No weapon formed against us shall prosper or succeed". In Isaiah 54:17 for there is a divine hedge of the blood of the lamb (Isa 53:1-5). When we live righteously before God, the hedge is held up to protect us (1 Jn 1:7-9). From the stronghold of His blood (Zech 9:11,12; Col 1:13,14), we launched the offensive weapon of the blood (Rev 12:11) and overthrow every devouring spirits and devil forces along our life journey.