

Part 2 - The Powerful Hedge

In this week's video, "The Powerful Hedge," Pastor Jamie explores spiritual warfare by delving into the story of Job along side of Jesus' teachings on Satan. He emphasizes the concept of a protective hedge around believers, illustrated through Job's experiences and biblical references. Pastor Jamie explains the reasons for God lowering the hedge, including testing, judgment, and rebellion. The teaching concludes with a call for believers to be courageous warriors and trust in God's protection amidst spiritual battles.

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John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Job 1:9-12

9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face." 12 The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger." Then Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Luke 22:31

Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.

Isaiah 5:5-6

5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. 6 I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

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1 Peter 5:6-9

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Psalm 91:11

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;

Message notes:

You're going to go through terrible things, but it's not because God is _____ at you.

The hedge is there because Job did _____: he offered sacrifices, he worshiped, he prayed.

The devil works with _____. He has a horrible plan for your life.

Reason 1 the hedge is lowered: God is allowing Job to be attacked and tested because He has a _____ in view.

Why does Satan hate you? He sees what God _____ with you.

Reason 2 the hedge is lowered: _____.

Reason 3 the hedge is lowered: Sometimes we _____ the hedge like the prodigal son did.

_____ is one of our greatest weapons.

_____ is always spiritual warfare.

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Discussion Questions:

1. In the video, Pastor Jamie discusses the concept of God's hedge of protection, highlighting its presence in the lives of those who fear and worship Him. What are some times where you felt God's protective hand in your life?
2. Pastor Jamie encourages believers to resist the enemy and stand firm in their faith. He highlights the importance of prayer and humility as weapons in spiritual warfare. How can you personally apply these things when facing challenges in your spiritual life?
3. There are three reasons that the powerful hedge is lowered: for testing and refining, as an act of judgment or punishment, and when we voluntarily leave the hedge through rebellion. Can you recall an instance in your life where it seemed the hedge of protection was lowered? How did you respond to that situation?
4. Fearing God is not about being afraid, but rather, it is an act of worship, surrender, and belief, allowing us to dwell within the hedge of protection. How can you practice the proper fear of God in your daily walk?
5. In the video, Pastor Jamie emphasizes the importance of staying steadfast in faith and trusting that God still loves and protects us, even in the midst of trials. What can you take away from Job's story in scripture to encourage yourself during hard times?

Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone who feels like the enemy is "prowling" around them.

Pray for anyone who has been struggling with believing the lie that God is mad at them.

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