

In a world filled with violence, do you ever wonder if God really protects His children?

What Goes Around Comes Around

When I was working as a disc jockey in Columbus, Ohio, I used to go to University Hospital or Grant Hospital on my way home. I would walk down the corridors and just walk into different people's rooms and read Scripture to them or talk to them. It was a way of forgetting about my problems and being thankful to God for my health. It made a difference in the lives of those I visited. One time it literally saved my life.

I was very controversial in radio. I had offended someone in an editorial that I had done about a promoter who was bringing entertainers into town who were not the original members of a particular group. The person I exposed literally took a contract out on me!

One night I was coming home at about two o'clock in the morning. I had just finished working at a nightclub where I was the emcee. As I began to open my door, a man came out from behind the side of my house and said, "Are you Les Brown?"

I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "I need to talk to you. I was sent here to carry out a contract on you."

"Me? Why?" I asked.

He said, "Well, there's a promoter that's very upset about the money you cost him when you said that the group that was coming to town was not the real group."

"Are you going to do something to me?" I asked.

He said, "No." And I didn't want to ask him why because I didn't want him to change his mind! I was just glad!

He continued, "My mother was in Grant Hospital and she wrote me about how you came in one day and sat down and talked to her and read Scripture to her. She was so impressed that this morning disc jockey, who didn't know her, came in and did that. She wrote me about you when I was in the Ohio penitentiary. I was impressed with that and I've always wanted to meet you. When I heard the word out on the street that somebody wanted to knock you off," he said, "I accepted the contract and then told them to leave you alone."

By Les Brown

God's miraculous protection of His children

- ◆ If you're the Lord's child, you don't have anything to worry about. He hallows you round about and gives His angels charge over you.
- ◆ Thank God for His angels who are watching over you continually, even your personal guardian angel, whose job is *you!*
- ◆ You abide under the shadow of the Almighty, like the Lord's special force field or aura around you—a special kind of glory that protects you.

If you're following the Lord the best you can, trying to help others, trying to be a blessing, trying not to live selfishly, then the Lord will do His part to take care of you. The Bible says He'll even send angels to safeguard you. He'll for sure try to avert harm by giving you a little nudge in your spirit or heart or mind when you're heading into a dangerous spot. He'll do all He can to take care of His children.

Then when something does happen to you, as He sometimes does allow for His own reasons, He will help you to understand why, as you ask Him to show you through His Word or through His voice in your heart. And then He'll heal, help and restore. Oh, it's wonderful to be God's child, to be in His hands and know He's looking after you every moment!

—David Brandt Berg