

Safe from the Evil One

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As my husband and I were splitting wood this morning, I noticed on a particular log that there was a centipede crawling around on it. As we rolled the log onto the log splitter, the centipede crawled fast enough to remain on top of the log. However, that put him in direct line with the sharp metal wedge that was hydraulically beginning to split the log. As it neared him, he crawled fast to the left and survived on the remaining piece of log. However, as we reset that piece, he began to run again, and, why, I'm not sure, but ran once again right in the direction of the sharp metal wedge. Once again, as it got very close to him, he crawled to the right and survived again. He continued this process repeatedly, always finding himself right in line with the sharp metal wedge until finally I scooped him up, rescued him, and put him in the grass where he crawled away.

That centipede reminded me of us human beings. Without God in our life, watching over us and protecting us, we find ourselves right in the path of the evil one, Satan. Satan, not unlike the sharp metal wedge, has no heart, no compassion, and couldn't care less what happens to us. We are just prizes that he delights in trying to take from God's flock.

However, Satan can't take us as a prize, if we believe and faithfully trust in Jesus. Jesus promises to keep us safe from the evil ways of Satan. He loves us with a love like no other. We are God's sons and daughters.

As Jesus prayed to God, in speaking of His Disciples, "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." (John 17:15)

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." (John 17:20-21)

May we never find ourselves in the sights of Satan, without the protection of our Lord!

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for the day-to-day reminders, such as the centipede on the log, of why we need to keep a strong faith in You. Keep us safe as individuals, and collectively as members of the body of Christ, from Satan and his evil ways, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.