

What qualifies you for God's protection? In today's Scripture verse, the words "because" and "therefore" imply that God's protection is dependent on us fulfilling the condition of loving God perfectly. This is not the case, and robs you of the faith to believe God for divine protection over yourself and your loved ones. Anything that is dependent on our efforts is on a shaky foundation, because no matter how 'good' a Christian we think we are, our love for God will fail.

That is precisely why God sent His Son. He knew that Man would never be able to fulfill all His commandments. In sending His Son, He was saying to us: "I know you cannot, so let Me love you completely and unconditionally." Therein lies the beautiful love story we call the gospel of Jesus Christ. God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son to save and ransom us. The Lord Jesus Christ Himself fulfilled all the requirements of the law. Today, even when our love for Him wavers, even when we fail, He still delivers us from evil!

One Scripture verse that beautifully encapsulates the crux of the new covenant of grace is 1 John 4:10: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation [the atoning sacrifice] for our sins." The emphasis of the new covenant is God's love for you, not your love for God. Our love for Him will always waver, but His love never fails. The Bible declares that "the steadfast love of the LORD never ceases". (Lamentations 3:22) As believers we are now under the new covenant of God's amazing grace, where we can depend on His unconditional, unchanging, and irrevocable love for us!

Psalm 91:14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name."