

**Transforming Daily**  
**“... a hedge ...”**  
*Job 1:10*

Often when I pray, I pray that God would put or allow a hedge of protection around whomever it is that I am praying for. People have asked me where I get that idea. To be honest, it didn't originate with me. I'm sure that I picked it up from a prayer warrior along the way. However, this is one of the many passages of Scripture (Job 1:10) that confirms the validity of its use.

To be sure, God is in control of life's events. Many people, even some who claim Christ as their Savior, can't accept how God can realistically be in control of everything. Theologically folks of this ilk are known as Deists. They believe God is the Creator, but not personally involved in our daily lives. I believe God is intimately involved in every life, everywhere, all the time. It is a proposition of faith. God never sleeps nor slumbers. He knows the number of every hair on every head, and when a sparrow falls from the sky.

Therefore, when I pray that He put a hedge of protection about me, my family, friends, church members, students of CBCS and their families, etc., it is a prayer of humility recognizing His sovereign will in and for my life as well as in and for the lives of others. It is certain to me that God allows, assigns, arranges or appoints the events and circumstances of life. This understanding is not mutually exclusive to man's personal will and choice. Notice I said personal will not free will. None of us has a free will, only God. We are within a closed system of rules, limitations, and corresponding dynamics. For instance, if one has free will, let him or her fly around the room at will unaided by artificial propellants (or even with artificial propellants)? Gravity, among many other restrictions, prohibits such an exhibition. One might say, "What about in space?" My response to them would be, "OK, remove the helmet and space suit." (Again, just to name one or two restrictions to man's will in a closed system.)

There isn't enough time or space here to chase all of this to logical conclusion. Just know that we exist in a closed system that God has designed for us. He created us to worship and fellowship with Him. Sin expressed in the personal wills of Adam and Eve in the garden then, and sin expressed in our personal wills outside of the garden now, hinders the perfect will of God through enmity for a personal and intimate relationship with Him; hence, the person of Christ having to die on Calvary. God has always been about the protection of and the provision for His children. He is the One who initiated contact with us through creation. He is the One who sustains our existence (and that of the whole universe). He is also the One who will bring it to completion in His good time and when it pleases Him.

Is this your view of God? Is He your Lord and Master? Do you have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ? His personal protection and provision for your life are purposed to be a hedge.