

# Love for God Protects Me from Evil



*“The wicked have laid a snare for me, yet I have not strayed from Your precepts.”*

Psalm 119:110

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God’s Word tells us if we love Him, we will obey Him. Beloved, God’s Word also tells us that believers are to be light in this world. We all know that we only turn on the light when it is dark. We also know that this world is getting darker every day. We are surrounded by drugs, alcohol, pornography, adultery, homosexuality, gambling, rage, bitterness, greed, jealousy, materialism, the occult, and abortion. Gangs and teen suicides are increasing daily. Bankruptcy and divorce also increase daily. All of these sins are the result of rejecting God’s love and authority. They are the result of pride that says, “I will be God in my life. I am God.” While it is true that this world is full of the darkness of sin, I am more concerned by the darkness of sin in the church!

I speak in churches of all denominations throughout the United States and internationally. The list of sins I gave you plus many more are in the church. Abortion, drugs, and alcohol are rampant in the church. Through greed, covetousness, discontentment, lack of self-control, and refusing to trust God to supply our needs, most churches and professing Christians are in as much debt as unbelievers, and bankruptcy rates are high in the church. Divorce in the church is two percent higher than in the world. Seventy percent of our church youth are involved in some form of sexual sin. The majority of professing Christians watch the same television programs as unbelievers, and sensual dress in the church gets worse every year.

As I travel teaching God’s Word, I talk to countless professing Christians who are full of bitterness, anger, and unforgiveness. Beloved, how can we be a light in our family, in our workplace, and in this world if our life has compromising darkness? If we truly love God, we will hate evil. If we love God, we will love and delight to obey Him. We will submit to His authority over our lives. 1 Peter 4:17 tells us that judgment begins at the house of God. 2 Chronicles 7:14 reads, *“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

Beloved, if we truly love Jesus, we will obey this scripture. If we will humble ourselves before the Lord, surrender to His authority over our lives, and pray and seek His face and His holiness, we will see our sin. If we truly repent and turn from our wicked ways, GOD’S AMAZING GRACE, love, and mercy will forgive our sin and heal our land. It begins with me. Do not expect your mate, your children, coworkers, the church, the government, or this world to change. It starts with me. It starts with you. If we truly love the Lord, we will obey His Word.

— *Janice McBride*

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*All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.*

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