## Protection from the Devil

"I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one." John 17:15

Included in Jesus' final prayer for his current and future disciples, he asked the Heavenly Father to protect us "from the evil one." The "evil one" is the devil. It is reassuring to know that Jesus has already prayed for our divine protection.

The devil is a bully. He will continue to do what he can to intimidate us into "allowing" him to affect our lives. A bully will continue to bully until the one being bullied stands up and says "no more." We must face life and each day with the assurance that Jesus has already prayed for our protection. We must operate in the confidence that protection from the devil is a settled matter because Jesus also said that his father always hears and answers his prayers (John 11:42).

In life we face some scary and intimidating circumstances. We face financial threats, family threats and health threats. We have to battle fear regarding our children, their choices and their futures. Some has given FEAR an acronym: False Expectations Appearing Real. So we must take authority over all of the intimidating threats of the devil. Knowing that Jesus has prayed for our protection from the devil should help us face satanic threats and fears with courage, confidence and victory.

You have the victory which Jesus prayed for, died for and was resurrected for.

You are protected from the evil one.

Meditation Scriptures: John 16:33; Ps. 91:3-7; Isaiah 54:17