

# Job 1:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

## Analysis

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Satan acknowledges God's protective sovereignty over Job's person, family, and possessions. The Hebrew 'suk' (hedge) implies a thorough, impenetrable barrier. This reveals a profound Reformed truth: believers are preserved not by their own strength but by God's sovereign protection. Satan can only touch God's elect when permission is granted for their ultimate sanctification (Romans 8:28), as with Job and Peter (Luke 22:31-32).

## Historical Context

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The concept of divine protection hedging the righteous appears throughout Scripture and Ancient Near Eastern literature, but here it uniquely emphasizes God's active, sovereign preservation of His covenant people.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways have you experienced God's protecting hedge in your life?
2. How does knowing God sovereignly permits trials affect your response to suffering?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 34:7** (Parallel theme): The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

**Zechariah 2:5** (Parallel theme): For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

**1 Peter 1:5** (Parallel theme): Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

**Proverbs 10:22** (Blessing): The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

**Zechariah 2:8** (Parallel theme): For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

**Genesis 15:1** (Parallel theme): After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

**Psalms 107:38** (Blessing): He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

**Job 31:25** (Parallel theme): If I rejoiced because my wealth was great, and because mine hand had gotten much;

**Isaiah 5:2** (Creation): And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

**Genesis 26:12** (Blessing): Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him.