

Date: March 7, 2021  
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Message #54: "GOD'S PROTECTION OF HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT"  
Text: Acts 23:12-35  
Speaker: Pastor Steve Balvanz

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#### I. The Plan to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul (v.12-15)

The hatred of Paul and attempts to silence him just continue. The devil and his human minions would stop at nothing to keep lost sinners from hearing the wonderful news of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone.

#### II. The Plan \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16-22)

God has limitless ways of protecting His servants. Here He used a young nephew whom He placed in just the right place at just the right time to learn about the murderous ambush, make Paul aware of it, and subsequently the Roman commander.

#### III. The Plan \_\_\_\_\_ (v.23-35)

Paul left town more like a king than a criminal, traveling on horseback chaperoned by 470 soldiers protecting him from any threat of harm.

#### Conclusion:

Paul's life was repeatedly an example of the truism that God's servants are immortal until their work is done. No servant of God dies a premature death.

"No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand, till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand."  
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