



## Title: Holes in the Hedge

### Job 1:9–10

*"Then Satan answered the Lord and said, 'Does Job fear God for nothing? Have You not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.'"*

Every day, we face spiritual battles—most of them unseen, but very real. Our **minds** are the battleground, and the enemy is constantly looking for a way in.

In **Job 1:9–10**, Satan questions Job's devotion, essentially saying, "Does Job fear God for nothing? Haven't You placed a hedge around him?"

The implication is clear: Job is faithful because he's protected. But this isn't just a physical hedge—it's **spiritual protection**. And Satan wants to break through it.

The devil doesn't attack our lives at random. He studies us, searching for weaknesses—cracks in our armor caused by **doubt, fear, or past wounds**.

Once there's a gap in the hedge, he begins to whisper **lies**, sow **confusion**, and plant **doubt**.

Just like a thief checking for an unlocked door, Satan is always looking for an entry point.

That's why **Romans 12:2** urges us:

*"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind."*

This isn't just about positive thinking—it's about **fortifying the hedge** around your spirit. A renewed mind is a **fortified mind**—resilient against attack, grounded in truth, and secure in Christ.



At salvation, our **spirit is made new** instantly. But our **mind must be renewed** daily.

Our bodies are baptized, but the battle continues in our thoughts. That's where the enemy focuses his attacks—because if he can influence our minds, he can affect every other area of our lives.

But here's the truth: while Satan may try to stir up anxiety, fear, and insecurity, **he has no authority over your spirit.**

**John 10:28** reminds us:

*"I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand."*

Satan's ultimate goal is to make us **doubt our security** in Christ—but that victory is already won. And it's **eternal**.

A **stronghold** is a thought pattern or belief system built over time, often rooted in lies we've accepted.

Maybe someone has been repeatedly hurt and starts to believe they're unlovable. Or perhaps disappointment leads to the belief that God can't be trusted.

These lies, left unchecked, become **strongholds**—mental fortresses that shape our emotions, our decisions, and our faith.

But we are **not without weapons.**

**2 Corinthians 10:5** tells us:

*"We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."*



This means we don't passively accept every idea that enters our minds—we **evaluate, challenge, and reject** anything that contradicts God's Word.

Through Christ, we have the **power to demolish strongholds** and rebuild our thinking according to truth.

The devil is always looking for holes in the hedge. But here's the good news: **we have the authority in Christ to close those gaps.**

We can build a stronger defense by filling our minds with His Word, guarding our thoughts, and renewing our minds daily.

So let's make this commitment today:

To **renew our minds** daily.

To **recognize and reject the lies** of the enemy.

To **build a strong, unshakable hedge** of truth around our spirit.

In Christ, we are covered. Let's guard that covering—**together.**