

Learning from a Fawn **by Curtis Kenyon**

While hunting turkey in the spring of 2008, David Stallard and I came upon a pretty cool site. A site that I have experienced only once before and have always treasured it. We came up on a newly born fawn. It was only a couple days old. As we were crawling up trying to glass a field, there it was laying two feet from us. David spotted it and drew my attention to it. It never moved, the only thing that was twitching at all was its nose. As we sat there observing this little one, my mind could not help but wander to a passage of scripture in Matthew 6 that talks about God's care of the lilies of the field and the sparrows of the air. This passage shows us, as followers of Him, we do not need to be worried about the needs of life. We only need to follow His design for our life because He has promised to take care of our needs.

Again, I looked at this little fawn and thought...this fawn is out here in the wild helpless to defend itself. It can't out run its predator. It can't out fight its predator. It is simply reliant on God's design for its protection. What you need to understand is God designed fawns when they are born to be scentless. They have no odor that is recognizable to their predators. They also have spots, which aid them in camouflaging with their surroundings. They are impossible to pick out unless, like us, you crawl up on one. They just lay there relying on God's design for their protection.

You know God designed a way of protection for believers in Him. No, it is not that we are scentless. His design is that we find our protection in Him. We can't rely on ourselves for protection against the devil's tactics. In Ephesians 6:10-17, God tells us to put on His truth, righteousness, gospel, faith, and salvation if we are going to be successful in the battle of life. We must pick up His Word and use it as a defense tool in our lives. If we try to incorporate our own defense system, it will fail. We cannot fight against our enemy without the power of Christ. We, like the fawn, must rely on the design and defense that God has given us. Today my friend, take up the power of Christ and stand in His design for your life and you will be successful in this life. Start today by reading His protection for your life...the Bible.