

## **PSALM 91 – Safety of Abiding in the Presence of God!**

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### **ROCK OF AGES** – Augustus Toplady, sung by Ernie Ford

1. *Rock of Ages, cleft for me Let me hide myself in Thee; Let the water and the blood From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure; Save from wrath and make me pure*
2. *Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, These for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. In my hand no price I bring; Simply to the cross I cling*
3. *While I draw this fleeting breath When mine eyes shall close in death. When I rise to worlds unknown, and behold beyond Thy Throne. Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee. Let me hide myself in Thee.*

### **PSALM 91 – The LORD is our greatest source of protection when in danger!**

Psalms 91 describes God's ongoing sovereign protection of His people from the ever-present dangers and terrors which surround humanity. The original setting may be that of an army about to go to battle. Most of the terrors mentioned in this psalm are left undefined, no doubt intentionally, so that no kind of danger is omitted from application. Believers in every age can read this psalm to learn that nothing can harm a child of God unless the Lord permits it. However, in light of the many references in the Psalms to the future messianic kingdom (especially Psalms 96-100), this psalm must be read as being literally fulfilled then.

### **PSALM 91 - My Refuge and My Fortress**

***Psa 91:1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.***

***Psa 91:2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."***

- God is our protection – Our *refuge* and our *fortress*. He is speaking of our needing protection and that God is the One who is able to protect us.

***Psa 91:3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.***

- The Psalmist begins to lay out what God will be to those who trust in Him. He will deliver us from those, such as Satan, who set traps for us.
- Protection from the *perilous pestilence*, from disease.

***Psa 91:4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.***

- God will protect us like a mother hen, one who is very active in protecting her chicks.

***Psa 91:5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,***

- He shall protect us at night from any who would break into our house, speaking of crime and violence.

***Psa 91:6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.***

- The whole idea of our walking with the LORD, keeps us out of places, of vulnerability that sin would lead us into places of danger in life. Even disease that walks in darkness, or diseases that people can contract in the darkness. This walk with the LORD protects us from criminal activity or being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

***Psa 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.***

***Psa 91:8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked.***

- God protects us from His judgment that He brings upon the wicked.

***Psa 91:9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,***

***Psa 91:10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;***

***Psa 91:11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.***

- Notice that angels are in the plural. Some of us must require more than one angel to look after us!
- Angels were active in our Lord Jesus' ministry, but it didn't mean that He was going to escape the purpose for which He was born into the world and that was to die a terrible death upon the cross for our forgiveness of our sin.

***Psa 91:12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.***

- Verses 11 and 12 are quoted in the New Testament by the devil in his temptation of Jesus in the wilderness.
- Satan must know and have known that the angels are very effective in protecting Jesus and us.

- We must never quote verses like Satan did to tempt God. Jesus answered all three times quoting from Deuteronomy, the book of obedience to God.

***Psa 91:13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot***

- God will send angels to us as necessary to assist us. ***Heb 1:14*** *Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

***Psa 91:14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.***

- Now God confirms the truthfulness to what the Psalmist has been saying.

***Psa 91:15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.***

***Psa 91:16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."***

- God comes in and says everything that the Psalmist has said—*I will answer, be with, deliver, honor, satisfy and show My salvation--* that I will be that to you!

### **SUMMARY:**

- The promises in the Psalm are not unconditional. They are directed to the child of God, whose life is marked by three things, which are laid out in the Psalm:
- Verse 1, They  *dwell in the secret places of the Most High*, representing a personal relationship with God, as secret, unseen, unbroken, communion with God, desiring that above everything else in life.
- Verse 9, Not only walking close to God, but *dwelling* in the **LORD**. They've made God their *dwelling* place – an unbroken continuance, a perseverance, a permanence in an intimate relationship with the **LORD--abiding in Him** by obeying His word! We're to understand what the Bible says and then, live there.
- Verse 14—the person that has *set* their *love* on God, not as an obligation, but because they love Him!
- The point the Psalmist is making is that the safest place in the whole world to be, **is in an intimate personal, obedient, and a loving relationship with God, loving Him above all else and everything else**. It was true 3000 years ago and it's true today!

### **TO GOD BE THE GLORY – F. Crosby – Maranatha Praise Band**

*To God be the glory, great things He has done; So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son, And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, To every believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes, That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)*

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; But purer, and higher, and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

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