

PSALM 91

Probably a Psalm of Moses

“A Heavenly medicine against plague and pest. He who can live in its spirit will be fearless, even if once again London should become a Lazarus-house, and the grave be gorged with carcasses.” The words of Charles H. Spurgeon used to describe this glorious Psalm. Read:

- **Verse 1 - The blessings here within are saved for believers that dwell in close fellowship with God Almighty. “To live is Christ.” Our Almighty God is where His shadow falls.**

- **Verse 2 - We have to have a personal relationship - “He is MY refuge and fortress” to receive His protection. A person who dwells in an impregnable fortress naturally trusts in it.**

- **Verse 3 - God is our deliverer - from the fowler (Satan) and from the deadly pestilence**

- 1. Deadly pestilence of error - dwell in truth (His Word) - Isaiah 40:8**

- 2. Deadly pestilence of sin - our sins are covered by the Blood of Christ. -1 Peter 1:18-19**

- 3. Deadly pestilence of disease - Faith is the key here. Hebrews 11:6**

Faith frees us from fear. It may not in all cases ward off all diseases, but as we dwell (find our full security in) in The Most High, we will never die spiritually.

- **Verse 4 - His wings - like a mother hen covering her chicks to protect them at all cost.**

- **Verse 5 – Fear not! (Angels said to shepherds in the night.) Night is the congenial hour of horrors. Dwelling with The Most High will take away our nightmares and frights of the night. Also any arrows (from men and from Satan) in the daytime cannot destroy the righteous – “No weapon formed against you shall prosper ...” Isaiah 54:17”**

- **Verse 6 – Pestilence again.** *“Famine may starve, or bloody war devour, earthquake may overturn and tempest may smite, but amid all, the man who has sought the mercy seat and is sheltered beneath the wings which overshadow it, shall abide in perfect peace.”* C. H. Spurgeon -- **Read Phil. 4:7.**

- **Read Verses 9 & 10 – He who dwells in God Almighty is secure. In the days of Moses – most people’s dwelling was only a tent – not secure compared to us today, but God took care of the Israelites for 40 years in the desert.**

“... 1854, when I had scarcely been in London 12 months, the neighborhood in which I labored was visited by Asiatic cholera . . . family after family summoned me . . . and almost every day . . . the grave. I became weary in body and sick at heart . . . my burden was heavier than I could bear. As God would have it . . . my curiosity led me to read a paper in a shoemaker’s window on Dover Road. It had these words . . . (a quote from Ps. 91, especially “neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling”) . . . The effect upon my heart was immediate. Faith appropriated the passage as her own. I felt secure, refreshed, girt with immortality . . . I went on with my duties in a calm and peaceful spirit, I felt no fear of evil, and I suffered no harm . . . In the remembrance of its marvelous power (God placing the verses in the window) . . . I adore the Lord my God.” C. H. Spurgeon.

- **Read Verse 11, 12, 13 - Not just one guardian angel as most people say - but all the angels - at His beckoned call -- to watch over the interest of the faithful - who dwell in God Almighty. "Guard you in ALL your ways" - Those angels will be a bodyguard, a garrison to your body, soul and spirit. Those angels shall "lift us up" when needed and cover us when dangers seek to strike us down.**

- **Verse 14 - 16 - Now we have the Lord himself speaking about His chosen ones. The Lord will rescue (we who are lost in sin) and protect us - not because we are good or deserve it, but because we love Him and acknowledge His NAME. Phil. 2: 9-11.**

If we call (pray) to Him - we know he hears us and will answer

"Saints are first called of God, and then they call upon God; such calls as theirs always obtain answers." C. H. Spurgeon.

God says he will honor us if we honor Him. The Lord's salvation bestows honor upon those it delivers.

Whether he dies young or old - the man or woman described in this psalm fills out the measure of his days - and he is content to leave this world when his time comes - he is just passing through and going to his true home - heaven.

Conclusion: In these perilous times -- dwell in the shadow of Almighty God - your Abba Father! Amen!

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