

Resting in the Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91

"When the psalmist identifies God as his God..., it is a way of saying that the shelter, shadow, refuge, and fortress are for those who really do dwell in God and trust him. Spurgeon wrote, 'The blessings here promised are not for all believers, but for those who live in close fellowship with God. Every child of God looks towards the inner sanctuary and the mercy-seat, yet all do not dwell in the most holy place; they run to it at times, and enjoy occasional approaches, but they do not habitually reside in the mysterious presence.'" Boice

- I. The only true security believers have in this life is Jesus. He is the only source of refuge that we've been given to protect us while living in the midst of a sin sick fallen world and the effect that it can have on us spiritually, emotionally and physically. God wants us to stay under the shelter of his care to guard us from its cruel effects, as he lovingly takes us by the hand and walks us through this life.

Psalm 91:1-13

- A. The key to living securely in God's care is maintaining a strong personal relationship with Jesus, which must be nurtured, treasured and appreciated because of our salvation. He deserves our full trust because *"God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' So we say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?'"*

Psalm 91:1-2

Heb. 13:5b-6

- B. "The Most High (עֲלִיּוֹן 'elyôwn), "the Almighty" (שֵׁדַי Shadday), "the Lord" (יְהוָה; Yêhōvâh = the existing one), "my God" (אֱלֹהֵימִי 'ĕlôhîym = the true God) is a secure shelter, comforting shadow, safe refuge, and protective fortress for those who make it a priority to dwell in Him and trust Him.

Psalm 91:3-13

Psalm 63:7-8 Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

- C. God desires to protect each one of us personally from the effects of living in this fallen world, if we let him. For that to happen we must make him the place where we chose to reside daily for safety and security. To reside elsewhere, is to open ourselves up to undue suffering from the consequences of the evil that he wants to protect us from.

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Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

- II. God personally promises to rescue, protect, interact with, and honor those who love him. He promises to give us satisfaction throughout life, as we experience the benefits of the salvation he has given us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Psalm 91:14-16