

# Life Group Guide: Psalm 91 - Dwelling in Protection and Victory

## Overview

This session continues exploring Psalm 91, focusing on verses 11 through 16. The sermon unpacks God's angelic protection, the believer's authority over spiritual opposition, and the deeply personal promises God speaks directly to those who cling to Him. Together, your group will examine what it means not just to be protected by God, but to be empowered and in relationship with Him.

## Key Takeaways

- 1. God assigns angels to guard those walking in obedience.** Psalm 91:11 uses military language -- God commands and deploys angelic beings on behalf of His faithful. This is not a blanket promise for any path we choose, but specifically for those walking in obedience and trust.
- 2. Satan misuses Scripture by removing context.** When Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4:6, he quoted Psalm 91:11-12 but deliberately omitted the phrase "in all your ways." The promise of angelic protection is tied to obedient paths, not reckless ones.
- 3. Spiritual dangers are under your feet, not over your head.** The imagery of lion, cobra, young lion, and serpent in Psalm 91:13 represents various forms of spiritual opposition -- loud threats, hidden deception, escalating battles, and ancient evil. God's word declares these are beneath the believer's authority, not above it.
- 4. Jesus secured the victory that Psalm 91 points to.** Genesis 3:15 is the first promise of Jesus crushing the serpent's head. What Psalm 91 declares, Jesus fulfilled at the cross. The believer walks in that finished victory.
- 5. God's final word is relational, not just protective.** Verses 14 through 16 shift from promises about protection to God speaking directly. Six "I will" statements reveal that the foundation of all protection is a love relationship -- clinging to God and being known by Him.

## Discussion Questions

**Opening (Choose one to get the conversation started)**

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- When you hear the word "protection," what is the first thing that comes to mind? Has that definition changed at all after hearing this sermon?
  - Has there ever been a moment in your life where you felt unexplainably protected -- a situation that should have gone worse than it did? Share what you are comfortable sharing.
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## **Digging Deeper**

### **On Angelic Protection (Psalm 91:11-12)**

1. The sermon described angelic protection as being tied to "ways of obedience and service" rather than any path a person chooses. How does that distinction change the way you think about claiming God's protection?
  2. Satan quoted Psalm 91 to Jesus but removed the key condition. Have you ever seen Scripture taken out of context -- by others or even by yourself -- to justify a decision? What was the result?
  3. The sermon drew a contrast between testing God and trusting God. In your own words, what is the difference between the two? Where in your life might you be tempted to test God rather than trust Him?
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### **On Authority Over the Enemy (Psalm 91:13)**

4. The four creatures -- lion, cobra, young lion, and serpent -- each represent a different kind of spiritual opposition: loud aggression, hidden deception, escalating pressure, and ancient evil. Which of these feels most present in your life right now? Why?
  5. The sermon made the point that God calls believers not just to escape difficulty but to overcome it. In Luke 10:19, Jesus says He has given authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy. What does it look like practically to walk in that authority rather than just survive?
  6. The sermon referenced the image from Genesis 3:15 -- the serpent's head being crushed -- and connected it to Jesus at the cross. How does understanding that Jesus has already won change the way you face spiritual battles today?
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### **On God's Personal Promises (Psalm 91:14-16)**

7. In verses 14 through 16, God speaks six "I will" statements. The condition that unlocks each of them is that the person "has set his love upon Me" and "has known My name." What does it mean to you personally to know God's name -- not just as information, but as relationship?
8. The sermon described "clinging" to God as the foundation of this entire psalm. On a scale of one to ten, how would you honestly describe your current posture toward God -- are you clinging, visiting, or somewhere in between? What would it take to move closer to clinging?

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9. The final promise in verse 16 is "I will show him My salvation." The sermon connected this to the fullness of eternal life through Jesus. How does the hope of eternal life affect the way you face present-day fears and threats?
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## Practical Applications

Choose one or two of these to commit to before your next group meeting.

**1. Audit Your Path** Spend time this week asking God honestly whether the areas where you are seeking His protection are areas of obedience or areas of your own choosing. Journal what He reveals and bring it back to the group.

**2. Identify What Is Roaring** Name the "lion" in your life right now -- the thing demanding your fear and attention. Write it down. Then write Luke 10:19 next to it as a declaration that this thing is under your feet, not over your head.

**3. Study One "I Will" Statement** Take one of God's six "I will" promises from Psalm 91:14-16 and sit with it for the week. Look up related scriptures, pray through it, and come ready to share what God showed you.

**4. Practice Clinging** Set a daily reminder this week -- morning, midday, or evening -- to pause and consciously turn your attention to God. Not to ask for something, but simply to cling. To acknowledge He is your refuge, your fortress, and your Father.

**5. Share the Victory** Is there someone in your life who is living under fear right now -- someone who does not yet know the protection and authority available in Jesus? Pray for one specific person this week and ask God for an opportunity to share what you are learning.

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## Closing Prayer Focus

Close your group time by praying together over these three areas drawn from the sermon:

- **Gratitude** -- Thank God for His specific, personal, angelic care over each person in the room.
  - **Authority** -- Declare together that the spiritual opposition each person is facing is under the feet of those who belong to Jesus.
  - **Relationship** -- Ask God to deepen each person's desire to cling to Him -- not just for protection, but because He is worthy of love and trust.
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*"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him." -- Psalm 91:14*

