

# God's Got You

Psalms 91:1-16

## Introduction

Our sinful world is full of danger. Diseases, injuries, and disasters are risks of everyday life. We never know when we might expose ourselves to a serious illness, be involved in an accident, or find ourselves in the midst of a disaster. Over and above these perils, the greatest threat in our world is the evil perpetrated by wicked people who pose a very real threat to all who truly follow Christ. Scripture warns us that as we grow nearer to the return of Christ, the wickedness of people will increase and we will find ourselves living in perilous times ([2 Tim. 3:1-5](#)).

The dangers of life and its ongoing threats can leave us feeling insecure. In spite of our best efforts to protect ourselves, we know that we cannot totally shield ourselves from harm. But the good news is the fact that **God's got you**.

We must live our lives with total faith in our all seeing, all knowing, and all-powerful God. He is our God. This psalm identifies and exposes six areas that should give us blessed assurance. When we live our total faith in God; we live our lives inside of God's promises. Let's identify these six areas now.

### 1. God's Presence Vs. 1-2

This is the person who is in close communion with God, the person who prays often, the person who is in the Word of God often, the person who is loyal and faithful to God. The blessings promised here [in this psalm] are for those who live in close fellowship with God. Protection is promised to the one who abides close to God. Protection is primarily in the spiritual—fears, frustrations, and failure in the spiritual realm as well as protection in the material and physical. It does indeed pay to walk close to the Lord, but it requires a dedication and devotion to God that few people have.

### 2. God's Protection Vs. 3-4

**The Salvation in the Protection ([Psalm 91:3](#))**

**[Psalm 91:3](#) "Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence".**

**Two items about protection are stated in this text.**

- **Salvation from deception. "Snare... fowler."** These two words speak of the same thing, namely, the trap, the deception of the enemy. Evil must use deception to accomplish its agenda, for if it is honest, it will lose its appeal. Protecting God's people from deception often is accomplished by giving God's people extra perception through the Word to discern deception.
- **Salvation from disease. "Noisome pestilence."** If God does not protect one from disease, all the vaccinations in the world will not help. The Israelites who survived the wilderness wanderings had to be

Divinely protected from a host of diseases which would thrive in the living conditions of the Israelites in the wilderness.

## 2. The Shield in Protection ([Psalm 91:4](#))

[Psalm 91:4](#) *"He shall cover thee with his feathers... under his wings shalt thou trust... his truth shall be thy shield and buckler"*. God's protection is also described as a shield which shelters from evil.

- **The portrayal of the shield. "Feathers... wings."** The protection is portrayed first as that of a hen (or other similar creature) who protects her young by gathering them under her wings (feathers) and shielding them from adverse conditions.

- **The provider of the shield. "His truth."** The great shield for God's people is God's Word ([Jn 17:17](#) "Thy word is truth"—).

The person who dwells in the Word of God is going to be protected from many evils. In fact, the reason many professing believers are in such a mess today is because they have neglected the Word of God.

## 3. God's Peace Vs. 5-6

- **No fear of dread. [Psalm 91:5](#) "Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night"**. Night time is when terrors become their worst. Shadows are misinterpreted and sounds are frightening. But God will protect His children from such dread when they have made Him their refuge and fortress.

- **No fear of darts. [Psalm 91:5](#) "Nor for the arrow... by day"**. Arrows intended for harm fly in the day time when light permits the enemy to see its target.

Paul's portrayal of this problem in [Ephesians 6:16](#) speaks of *"taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked"*. You will not be protected unless you trust in God and make Him your refuge and fortress.

- **No fear of disease. [Psalm 91:6](#) "Nor for the pestilence... in darkness"**. Sickness seems to always be worse at night. God's people have peace here that the world does not have.

- **No fear of destruction. [Psalm 91:6](#) "Nor for the destruction... at noonday"**. God's people are promised protection from these attacks when they abide in Him.

[Philippians 4:6-7](#) <sup>6</sup> **Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

<sup>7</sup> **And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

[Isaiah 26:3](#) <sup>3</sup> **Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.**

You do not have to fear unknown territory because there is no unknown territory with God.

## 4. God's Perspective Vs. 7-10

God gives us an eternal view of life that will keep you steady and stable in a time like this.

[Psalm 91:7](#) ***Not come nigh thee***". God can and often does put up a barrier between His people and the world, so that judgment will not touch His people.

In [Exodus 9:4](#); [12:13](#) This occurred during the plagues upon Egypt. The Egyptians and their possessions were destroyed but not the Israelites and their possessions.

[Psalm 91:8](#) ***"Behold and see the reward of the wicked"***.

**First, the perception in the seeing.** ***"Behold and see"*** God's people were not only protected from many of the trials of the wicked; but they also observed them which would be a vindication of godly lifestyle and a warning against ungodliness.

**Second, the punishment in the seeing.** ***"The reward of the wicked."*** Sometimes it seems it does not pay to live right, but here the godly learn an important lesson, namely, there is a price to pay for being evil. Evil may gain some success for a while, but soon the pain of evil becomes their reward.

[Psalm 91:10](#) ***"There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.*** This is a summary statement of the consequences that come upon those who make the Lord their refuge and habitation. Protection will include exemption from evil happening to them and from the troublesome plagues to come near them.

#### 5. God's Provision Vs. 11-13

[Psalm 91:11, 12](#) ***"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all they ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone"***.

We are told in [Hebrews 1:14](#) that angels are ministering spirits for God's people. Here some of the protecting work of angels is given. They will hold up the saint lest he hurts his foot on a stone.

- ***The stipulation for provision.*** [Psalm 91:11](#) ***"Keep thee in all thy ways"***. It is in God's ways that protection comes. This is the stipulation that Satan left out in [Luke 4:10, 11](#) when he tried to seduce Christ by appealing to Him to jump off the pinnacle of the Temple. Jumping off the Temple was not *"thy ways,"* and it was only in *"thy ways"* that the angels' protection was promised. Satan can quote Scripture, but he always leaves out important stipulations for blessings.

- ***The safety in provision.*** [Psalm 91:13](#) ***"Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder; the young lion and the dragon [vicious snake] shalt thou trample under feet"***. Scripture gives illustrations of those who abode in God's ways and were protected from great danger. As an example, Daniel's three friends survived the fiery furnace. But protection from these very great evils comes only from abiding in God's ways.

#### 6. God's Power Vs. 14-16

- ***Salvation*** [Psalm 91:14-16](#) ***"Will I deliver him... I will deliver him... show him my salvation"***. This speaks of salvation from earthly troubles, but we also see Gospel salvation here in each of the verses. It is the best provision of all.

- **Status** [Psalm 91:14, 15](#) **"I will set him on high... and honor him"**. Honor from God comes to those who honor God and are devoted to Him. This status before God may not bring status with men, for men often persecute the favored of God. Many want honor and privilege and status from God but are not interested in meeting any conditions or requirements for these blessings.
- **Supplication** [Psalm 91:15](#) **"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him."** When we abide in Christ, when we are devoted to Him and walk in His ways, it will greatly affect our prayer life. We will pray more persistently, more properly, and more productively.
- **Support** [Psalm 91:15](#) **"I will be with him in trouble"**. God's presence in time of trouble means more than His holding our hand in time of difficulty. It means He will come to our rescue and deliver us from our troubles. He will support our cause and defend our case.
- **Satisfaction** [Psalm 91:16](#) **"With long life will I satisfy him"**. In Old Testament times, long life on earth spoke of righteous living. In the New Testament, the Gospel emphasis on long life is eternity. The greatest satisfaction will be in eternal life which is *"long life"* indeed. Godly living promotes longer life on the earth than wicked living. Horatius Bonar said, "He liveth long who liveth well." The emphasis here is satisfaction. The godly will be satisfied, but the ungodly will not.

## INVADING FEAR MUST GO DECLARATION

Tonight, I decree that any form of fear trying to invade your life is bound up in the Name of Jesus! I come against all financial fear and say that every monetary need is met this year. I bind all fear regarding our family and loved ones. I say they are protected by God's angelic hosts. I decree that all fear of death and tragedy is bound and destroyed! I bind the fear of sickness and disease. I say that every fear of failure, rejection, oppression, and depression must leave you right now! I break off all fear of the future concerning the nations and world events and I declare these things shall have no ability to torment your mind. You are favored and blessed of God, and all shall be well concerning you! We agree on this together in faith, in Jesus' mighty Name!