

Psalm 91

1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust."

3

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

4

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

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

6

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

7

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

8

Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward of the wicked.

This Psalm has no title and the author remains unknown. Because it shares some of the themes of Psalm 90, some think Moses was the author. Because it shares some of the themes and phrases of Psalms 27 and 31, some think the author was David. "Some of its language, of strongholds and

shields, reminds us of David, other phrases echo the Song of Moses in Psalm 90.

Vs. 1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Secret place: covering, shelter, hiding place, secrecy

- God has a **secret place** for His own, and it is a place to *dwell in*.
- Those *who dwell* in the secret place are the ones who will *Shall abide* under the shadow of the Almighty.
- *Dwell means to sit or abide*.

Psalm 27:5

For in the day of trouble

he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent

and set me high upon a rock.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord *is* a strong tower;

The righteous run to it and are safe.

Where is this Secret Place?

Matthew 6

6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

notice there is a lot of unseen things going on here...

Go to a place where you are not seen...
Pray to your Father, who is unseen...

Then your unseen Father, who sees what is done in secret, will do something that will be seen.

Vs. 2

I will say of the Lord, "*He is my refuge and my fortress;*
My God, in Him I will trust."

I will say... He is my refuge and my fortress

It is important to say it...

Because you need to know it...

Declare it out loud...

Declare it in the midst of hardship...

Declare it when you want to quit...

Declare it when you feel outnumbered and alone...

Declare until you are convinced and reminded...

the Lord, "*He is my refuge and my fortress;*
My God, in Him I will trust."

Refuge: a shelter from the rain, storm or danger

Vs. 3,4

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
And from the perilous pestilence.

He shall cover you with His feathers,
And under His wings you shall take refuge;

His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler.

How can the writer say Surely?

There is a sense of absolute confidence...

Surely they witnessed it in their own lives...

- Moses witnessed The King of Egypt and his army swallowed up in the Sea
- The Cloud by Day and the Fire by Night
- David witnessed the Deliverance of God from enemies
- In their hearts they say Surely... He shall deliver you...
From the Snare - the trap.

The Psalmist describes the specific ways God protects and cares for His people – beginning with rescue from those who would trap God's people as the **fowler** snares birds.

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

Luke 13:34

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

Jesus says O Jerusalem, how often I wanted to gather you as a hen gathers her chicks... but you were not willing!

Psalm 91 says if you are willing he will cover you under his wings.

Vs. 5,6

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,

Nor of the arrow *that* flies by day,

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

The Lord assures us here that he is ever present.
at night
by day
in the darkness
at noonday

If there is terror by night... he is there
if there are arrows by day... he is there
Sickness that walks in darkness
Destruction at noonday... he is there
In all these things he says You shall not be afraid.

Vs. 7,8

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

Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward (*penalty, punishment*) of the wicked.

You will see some fall at your side
Perhaps even more on the other side

But for the one who dwells in the secret place of the most high...
He/She is not just another...
There is Real, Heaven Sent, God Given protection...

“*But* it shall not come near you.”

Only with your eyes shall you look,
And see the reward (*penalty, punishment*) of the wicked.

In contrast to the protection of His chosen, God has also appointed a **reward** for the **wicked**.

Don't be fooled or misled when you see the wicked prosper...
Do not be enticed...

True Divine Protection

Cover

Shelter and Refuge

is promised to those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High and
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.