

Psalm 91 Safety in Abiding

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. 5 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. 9 Because **you have made the Lord**, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, **your dwelling place**, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. 14 "**Because he has set his love upon Me**, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

- **Author [Moses?]** A Psalm of the Benefits of **actively Abiding in the Lord**
 1. **V1** Those **who dwell** in the Secret Place
 2. **V9** Those **who make** the Most High their Dwelling Place
 3. **V14** Those **who set** their love upon God
- **Vv 1 Secret Place:** Place alone w/God. Hidden by God. Personal Relationship. Just you and Jesus

Psalm 27:5 [David] ...in the **time of trouble He shall hide me** in His pavilion; In the **secret place** of His tabernacle He shall hide me; **He shall set me** high upon a rock. [C.f. Psalm 31:20,32:7]

Exodus 33:21 [Lord to Moses], "**Here is a place by Me**, and **you shall stand on the rock.** 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that **I will put you in the cleft** of the rock, and **will cover you with My hand...**

- **Abide:** heb. *loon*. lit to lodge

Secret Place: Abiding in God's Protection

- **Vv 2-9 Protection in Abiding**
- When we actively abide God will...
 1. **V2** Be our Refuge/Fortress
 2. **V3** Deliver us from Harm
 3. **V4** Guard us with Truth
 4. **V5** Grant us Unwavering Courage
 5. **Vv6-8** Fight on our behalf [Our Avenger] Safety in Abiding

Vv 9-12 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; **For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.** In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

- **Mis-Quoted** by Satan in Mat 5

Matthew 4:6 ... "If [since] You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, [-----] and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' " 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "

- **Misquoted by Omission:** *He shall keep You in all Your ways.* Jesus way was the cross
- **Misquoted by Addition...**

Genesis 3:3b... "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of **every tree** of the garden?' " ² And the woman [buying in to Satan's defamation of God's character] said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; ³ but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said [*no He did not*], 'You shall not eat it, **nor shall you touch it**, lest you die.' " ⁴ Then the serpent said to the woman, [Flat out lie] "**You will not surely die...**"

- **Misquoting by Addition:** And the Word was [] God

This is why we need v4: **His Truth is Our Shield**

- Protection in Abiding...
- **V 13 Power in Abiding:** Power/Authority of God over the Lion/Cobra; i.e. Satan

Luke 10:19 [70] ... I give you the **authority to trample on serpents** and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

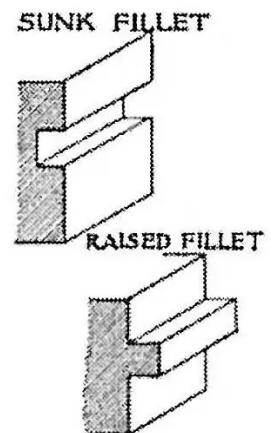
1 John 4:4 ... **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.**

Revelation 12:11 ...they overcame him by the **blood of the Lamb** and by the word of their testimony...

- Protection/Power for abiding and lastly...
- **V 14-15 Promises for Abiding/Setting our love on God**
- God will...
 1. **Deliver us**
 2. **Set us on high**
 3. **Call us by name**
 4. **Be with us in trouble**
 5. **Honor us**
 6. **Satisfy us.** When?

**A. When we set our love on Him. Join in a Fillet with God
Mystery in Eph 5: Christ/the Church His Bride**

- **Set:** heb. *khaw-shak'* Attach to/Filleted. 2 become one
- **IOW** We find Safety/Power/Promises in Intimacy as Initiated by us



v16 Long Satisfying Life Now...Salvation for Eternity

Psalm 92 Praise

A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath day

1 **It is good to give thanks** to the Lord, And to **sing praises** to Your name, O Most High; 2 **To declare** Your lovingkindness in the morning, And Your faithfulness every night, 3 On an instrument of ten strings, On the lute, And on the harp, With harmonious sound. 4 For You, Lord, **have made me glad** through Your work; **I will triumph in the works of Your hands.** 5 O Lord, **how great are Your works!** Your **thoughts are very deep.** 6 A senseless man does not know, Nor does a fool understand this. 7 When the wicked spring up like grass, And when all the workers of iniquity flourish, It is that they may be destroyed forever. 8 But You, Lord, are on high forevermore. 9 For behold, Your enemies, O Lord, For behold, Your enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. 10 But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil. 11 My eye also has seen my desire on my enemies; My ears hear my desire on the wicked Who rise up against me. 12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord Shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, 15 To declare that the Lord is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

- **Song for a Sabbath:** Day of Rest/Thanksgiving

Q. What is Good Every Time?

- **Vv 1-2 A.** To Give Thanks/Praise/Declare God's goodness
- **It is good declare God's mercy** in the presence of others...
 1. **Declare our Gratitude to God** What God has done
 2. **Declare out Praises of God** Who God is
- **Benefits of Public Gratitude?** A. Good Fruit
 1. **Atmospheric** Change Depression to Light
 2. **Directional** Change Grouchy to Hopeful
 3. **Emotional** Change Confusion to Peace of Mind/Heart...

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and **the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—**meditate on these things.**

- Q. What is Good Anytime/every time? Bears Fruit Every time?
A. **Public Gratitude**

- **V3 Guitars for worship.** Psalm 150 Drums too.
- **Vv 4-7 Public Praise for the work of God's hands...Creation**
 1. You make me glad!/I will Triumph!
 2. How great are Your Works
 3. Your thoughts are very deep...

Romans 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?"

Work of God's Hands: Loving Intricacies of His Creation
Prideful fools deny Creation/Creator: Willingly suppress the Truth

- **All the world** is ...caught in the sway of the evil one
- **All the world** is ...fooled that we come from chimps
- **All the world** is ...united in falsehood

Evolution: Targeted Violence against our Creator. Yet...
Creation demands a Creator

- **Vv 8-10 When the dust settles...**
 1. **V 8** God will be exalted
 2. **V 9** Enemies will be judged
 3. **V 10** We will be exalted and...
 4. **Vv 11-12** Vindicated/victorious/prosperous...
 5. **Vv 13-14** Planted in house of Lord/**Flourishing in His courts**
- **V15** Psalmist gives God **all** thanks, **all** praise...

We will declare that the Lord is upright
He is my Rock and there is no unrighteousness in Him

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, **His work is perfect**; For **all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.**

Psalm 93 Our Immutable/Strength/Majestic God

1 The **Lord reigns**, He is **clothed with majesty**; The Lord is clothed, He has **girded** Himself **with strength**. Surely the **world is established**, [c.f. Psalm 96:10]so that it **cannot be moved**. 2 Your **throne is established from of old**; You are from everlasting. 3 The floods have lifted up, O Lord, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. 4 The **Lord on high is mightier** Than the noise of many waters, Than the mighty waves of the sea. 5 Your **testimonies are very sure**; **Holiness adorns Your house, O Lord, forever.**

- **V1a The Lord Reigns**
 1. **Clothed** w/ **Majesty** heb. *gay-ooth'* lit. rising up/Swelling of sea
 2. **Girded** w/ **Strength**
- **Vv1b-2 Two Things Established:** Firm/Stable/Fixed

1. **World** Immovable for now
2. **Throne of God** Immovable forever

God's Throne [Power] is from Everlasting

Psalm 65:6 [God] **established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power...**

- **V3 Flood Lifted Up:** Pagan Nations rise up against God's Power

Psalm 65:7 You who still the **noise of the seas**, The noise of their waves, And the **tumult of the peoples.**

Matthew 8:26b [Picture of Satan stirring the Nations] [Jesus] arose and rebuked the winds/the sea, and there was a **great calm.**

Psalm 2:1 **Why do the nations rage**, [A. Cause they don't want to be told what to do/how to stop destroying themselves/love darkness] And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the **earth set themselves**, And the rulers take counsel together, **Against the Lord** and against His Anointed, [hated nobleman of Luke 19] saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision [disdain].

When everything else around us begins to shake/change
God Remains the Same. His Throne Remains Established

Psalm 29:10 The Lord **sat enthroned at the Flood**, And the Lord sits as King forever.

- **V 4 God is mightier** than His created enemies
- **V 5...**
 1. **God is True:** Not most of the time...all the time
 2. **God is Holy...**and that [as His power] is **forever**

Hebrews 12:27 [There will be...] the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the **things which cannot be shaken may remain.** 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a **kingdom which cannot be shaken**, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

When everything else around us begins to shake/change/fall apart
God remains the same. His Throne Remains Established

Psalm 94 Avenger

1 O Lord God, **to whom vengeance belongs**— O God, **to whom vengeance belongs**, shine forth! 2 **Rise up**, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud. 3 Lord, how long will the wicked, How long will the wicked triumph? 4 They utter speech, and speak insolent things; All the workers of iniquity boast in themselves. 5 They break in pieces Your people, O Lord, And afflict Your heritage. 6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless. 7 Yet they say, "**The Lord does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand.**" 8 Understand, you **senseless** among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? 9 He who

planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? 10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? 11 The Lord knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile. 12 **Blessed is the man whom You instruct**, O Lord, And teach out of Your law, 13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked. 14 For the Lord will not cast off His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance. 15 But **judgment will return to righteousness**, And **all the upright in heart will follow it**. 16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? 17 Unless the Lord had been my help, My soul would soon have settled in silence. 18 If I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up. 19 In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul. 20 Shall the throne of iniquity, which devises evil by law, Have fellowship with You? 21 They gather together against the life of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood. 22 But the Lord has been my defense, And my God the rock of my refuge. 23 He has brought on them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own wickedness; The Lord our God shall cut them off.

- **V 1** Vengeance **belongs to God**

Deuteronomy 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.' [Rom 12:19]

Isaiah 35:4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, **your God will come with vengeance**, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you."

- **Vv 2-11...**

I confess vengeance is Yours...

- **Vv 2-7** Rise up/Don't wait/Execute Judgment. They...
 1. Blaspheme against You
 2. Boast about themselves
 3. Attack Your people and even...
 4. Target Weak

- **V 8-11** **Condemnation of Wicked**. Senseless Fools...

They say God does not see their sin...

Vv 9-11 He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? 10 He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? 11 The Lord knows the thoughts of man, That they are futile.

- **Vv 12-15** **Encouragement to the Righteous**

v12 Blessed are those who willingly [not necessarily joyfully] receive instruction
They will bear Good Fruit

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the **peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it**. [Read Receive it]

Job 5:17 "Behold, **happy is the man whom God corrects**; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

Psalm 119:71 **It is good** for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

- **V 13-14** Rest for those who willingly receive God's instruction and do it

It may not look like it now but God's Promise

V15 Judgment will return to the Righteous

v 15 [Paraphrase] Your enemies won't always get away with what they are doing. Judgment will again be founded on justice, and **those with virtuous hearts will pursue it.**

- **Vv 16-17...**

Only You can rescue me from this current situation!

V 16 **Who will rise up** for me against the evildoers? **Who will stand up** for me against the workers of iniquity? **A. Only One. Now what...**

- **Vv 18-23** Psalmist acts w/Mind/Heart...

1. **Meditates on** God's past faithfulness inspiring a...
2. **Growing Faith in** God's future faithfulness. **IOWs**

Vv 22-23 The Lord **has been** my Defense, Rock, and Refuge
So I know...The Lord **will be** my Defense, Rock, and Refuge

- **Why** do we have enemies? **Can't we all just get along?** [Rodney King] **A.** No.

Ephesians 6:10 ... be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For **we** do not **wrestle against** flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness** in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God...

- **Why** us weakness. Deal with what is. **Q.** What now?
- **Spiritual Wickedness yet** manifested through people

Romans 12:19 ... **do not avenge yourselves**, but rather **give place to wrath**; for it is written, "**Vengeance is Mine**, I will repay," says the Lord.

2 Thessalonians 1:6 since it is a righteous thing with **God to repay with tribulation affliction those who trouble you...** [Further study through v10]

The Lord will deal w/our enemies better than we/anyone can

He is our Avenger...When we leave room

Psalm 95 Call of the Good Shepherd

1 Oh come, **let us sing to the Lord!** Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. 3 For the Lord is the great God, And the great King above all gods. 4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills are His also. 5 The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For He is our God,

And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. 10 For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, And they do not know My ways.' 11 So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' "

▪ **Vv1-2 Call to come before God**

1. Sing/Shout
2. Present ourselves to God
3. Enter His presence w/Thanksgiving

Ephesians 5:19 speak... to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

James 5:13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? **Let him sing psalms.**

▪ **Vv3-5** He is worthy of singing/shouting/thankfulness

1. He is the **Great God** Kind/Merciful/Forgiving
2. He is the **Great King** Over all other kings
3. He is the **Great Creator** Earth/Sea/Sheep belong to Him. In His hand

▪ **Vv 6-7 He is worthy:** Stooping down to us/for us. **Our response?**

Let us Worship and Bow Down...I must Decrease/He must Increase
He is our God, King and Shepherd/We are His people...Let us sing

▪ **V8-11 Sea-Change in Psalm 95:** From *Come let us sing* to **don't be left behind**

Warning from the Israelites Past Failure: Desert Wanderings
Never reaching the destination God desired for them [C.f. Heb 3:7-15]

- **Don't let your heart grow hard:** Complaining. Unbelief. Rebellion. Bitterness
- **Don't fail to enter the Promised Land:** 40 Yrs. never getting there. Where?

Crossing the Jordan: Picture of Entering the Spirit Filled Life
IOWs Do not harden your hearts/God desires us to live an **Abundant Life**

John 10:9 I am the door. **If anyone enters by Me**, he will be saved, and will go in and out and **find pasture.** 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life**, and that they may **have it more abundantly.**

v11 I am the Good Shepherd

The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

We sing Because He is Worthy