Psalm 91

Packed with Eternal Promises

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Good morning, Victory family.

Today we are coming to the close of this week of fasting and prayer. I trust this has been a very powerful and significant week in His holy presence. I pray each of you finish strong and victorious in Jesus' name.

I specifically want to speak about the eternal promises of God to all of His sons and daughters through the lens of Psalm 91.

> He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 ESV)

I can say with confidence that God never leaves us nor forsakes us. He's a covenant-keeping God. He will never leave us to fend for ourselves in the heat of battles and the hardships of life. His protection is real. He doesn't forget us or ignore His beloved children—never. If we belong to Him, His love is too great to leave us on our own. He didn't leave us as orphans but sent His Spirit (John 14:18–20).

Is it any coincidence that this is our 9-1-1 promise? In whatever troubles we face today or any day, God is the place of refuge we can run to, He is our ultimate safe place. His presence and glory are our defense and shield.

The word "dwell" used in verse one actually means to take up permanent residence in and abide. He reminds us to stay in His presence, for it's a permanent place of living. His Word says if we do that, we will *rest* in the very shadow of the Almighty.

Sometimes, maybe unintentionally, in the busyness or difficulties of living, we might strive to survive on our own. We forget that what we need most, God's protection and the comfort of His presence, are freely available to those who love Him and walk under His covering.

This entire chapter of Psalm 91 is filled with the greatness and power of God. It holds awesome reminders that He faithfully works on behalf of those who love Him. At the end of it, Moses gives eight promises and reasons why we do not have to fear. He writes,

> Because he loves Me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation. (Psalm 91:14–16 NIV)

Here's what God promises; and His promises are sure in Christ—*they are still "yes" and "amen"!*

- "I will rescue him" (deliver, cause to escape)
- "I will protect him" (set him on a high place)
- "I will answer him" (respond to, speak and direct)
- "I will be with him in trouble" (in afflictions, trials, in distress)
- "I will deliver him" (rescue, to bring into safety to overcome)
- "Honor him" (to make rich, strong, heavy with honor)
- "With long life will I satisfy him" (to have abundance in the journey)
- "Show him My salvation" (let him see My deliverance, victory and triumph)

I have often said, when you make a promise, you create hope. When you fulfill a promise, you create trust. And that is why the Lord's name is faithful and true. God keeps His promises. He will never lie and He will surely over-deliver on His promises.

As a child of God, we can never be defeated when we abide in the shadow of His wings. The world is crazy right now and only growing darker, but in the light of His presence, we can abide with confidence and a sound mind, knowing our Father can be fully trusted, and He will protect us in this evil age.

I want us to turn our attention to the final verse of Psalm 91.

Moses writes that the Lord will bring this marvelous reward: “I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation” (Psalm 91:16 NLT).

The promise and last line of Psalm 91 is like a climbing orchestra movement rising up to a crescendo. It describes our ultimate and final victory— “I will reward them.”

God promises a long and blessed life and a satisfied and fulfilled life to the person who trusts Him and loves Him. I believe that is the promise of long life here on earth and the glory that is yet to be experienced for all eternity.

Verse 16 is a promise that secures our future, but it also starts now— “and give them my salvation.”

According to Strong’s Concordance, “salvation” is translated to mean deliverance and that’s often what we first think of when we see or hear that word. But salvation is not just about a ticket to heaven. There is a richness and a fullness of this promise. Strong’s Concordance also describes salvation as “health, healing, rescue, safety, protection, provision, security, and victory.” This is the abundant life that Jesus came to freely give us (John 10:10).

This ultimate victory moves us beyond the intellectual knowledge of salvation to a very personal promise of a loving relationship with God as a son or daughter. Within that covenant relationship comes protection, safety, security, and victory. Hallelujah!

Our desire and prayer this week is that you will make Psalm 91 your personal quest and declare these promises as your inheritance. But don’t just read it—behold it, decree it is yours through Christ. Behold the Word to take hold of the promises God has given you and make it your own. Don’t just read this psalm with your eyes, behold it with your lives and let your whole heart believe it.

According to the New Testament everything God ever promised to His people has been fully realized in the person of Jesus Christ. Everything God promised is YES and AMEN in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20). These promised blessings are now available to any person—Jew or Gentile—who puts their faith in Jesus. As the Apostle Paul said:

> Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and *strangers to the covenants of promise*, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:12–13 ESV)

Once we were outsiders, once we had no legitimate claim upon the promises of God but now, because of Christ, we do. Hallelujah!

Psalm 91 belongs to Jesus, and we belong to Jesus, therefore, Psalm 91 belongs to you and me—it’s our inheritance! We can pray Psalm 91 with faith and confidence, claiming all of its promised benefits and protections because God in His grace has chosen us. From before the foundation of the world, He chose us in Christ to share in His glory forever. Thanks be to God for His indescribable grace!

Remember this: no matter what comes the rest of this year and as we head into 2027, we will be dwelling and abiding in the secret place of the Most High God—under the shadow of His wings!

God bless you all!