

God's Secret Place

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Psalm 91:1

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

This speaks of a secret place: the secret place of God. You and I can come into that secret place. The writer of this psalm was abiding (i.e., living) in this secret place. He had a firm belief in the Lord that could not be shaken by what he saw, heard, or experienced. He was certain, sure, positive, convinced. Yes, he was assured in his heart and in his mind.

No matter what circumstance he would face in this life, he was sure that the Lord's promises were true. He was convinced that he would see them fulfilled in his life.

Why? because he was dwelling in the secret place of the most High.

And no matter what the circumstances are in your life, when you are dwelling in this secret place, you, too, can be happy and joyous, assured in your heart and mind. When you are facing hard trials and are dwelling in this secret place, your faith is standing on the promises of God.

This doesn't mean you won't shed tears because of what you are going through. We read in the Bible where tears were shed by many of those who had to go through sufferings for long periods of time.

Job was smitten with boils for a long period of time. We don't know exactly how long, but we read where he endured months of suffering. Months can go into years. We don't know how long his trial was, but we do know it was a trial of long duration.

A Place of Safety

Now, this secret place is a safe abiding place, and only when we are abiding in the Lord are we safe: safe in Him.

Psalm 91:2

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.

See what confidence the psalmist had. He was sure that he could trust in the Lord because this secret abiding place is a place of safety.

When one is abiding in this secret place they have their faith in the Lord, knowing that His promises are true. He is not slack concerning His promises, and we can be assured He will fulfil them when we place our trust in Him.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

We are living in a world that is filled with unbelief. There's unbelief all around us, even in the church.

Now, trusting in the arm of flesh, trusting in man, is not a safe place. Man can fail. After all, people are only human. But the writer of this psalm wasn't trusting in the arm of flesh. He was looking to the Lord. He said the Lord was his refuge and his fortress. In other words, the Lord was his protection and his security.

Deuteronomy 33:27

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.

God watches over those who are abiding in this secret place with Him, and He protects them. I'm telling you what the Scriptures have to say. I'm not making this up. As we look further into His Word, we'll see how the Lord takes care for those who abide in this secret place.

This secret place is a place where you can rest in the Lord, knowing He'll be right there to fulfil His promises to you.

He said He would never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). We might have to go through things that are hard in this life, but we can know that He will be right there with us.

Job 5:7

Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.

We cannot avoid having troubles in this life. Everybody wants to have a smooth bed of roses without the thorns, but life is not like that.

Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

When we are in trouble, God is a very present help, always right there to help us.

Psalms 27:5

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion: in the secret of His tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.

He shall set us up upon a rock: a spiritual foundation. He's going to lift us up.

Proverbs 14:26

In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge.

A Place of Deliverance

He promises deliverance:

Psalm 91:3

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

Satan is the fowler. He is the one who will try to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). He is out to steal your peace, steal your joy and happiness, steal your money . . . if you let him.

Remember that the Scripture tells us to be sober and vigilant because our adversary, the devil, goes about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8).

I Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

But God is faithful!!! Oh, yes. God keeps His Word. His promises are true.

II Peter 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished

The one who dwells in that secret place will be delivered out of temptation.

A Place of Promises Fulfilled

I believe that all these promises are hinged on this secret place in Him. This place is a place where you're assured that God's promises will be fulfilled in your life.

Psalm 91:4

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Notice the protection from evil He gives to those who dwell in His secret place: protection from all harm. There's a trusting in Him, dwelling under His wings.

Get in this secret place with God. These promises are fulfilled in the lives of those who have found this secret place: those who are sure; those who rely on God; those who have a firm belief in the promises of God, that they will be fulfilled in their lives.

Psalm 91:5,6

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Think about these evil things we will not fear when we are abiding in the secret place: the terror by night, the arrow that flies by day, the pestilence that walks in darkness, and the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Psalm 91:7

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Think about this. The bombs could be falling all around us, missiles all around us, yet we can be protected when we abide in this secret place.

Psalm 91:8

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Now, isn't the Word of God true? You talk about protection. These evil things can't come nigh you unless God permits it. He may have destined you to be a martyr for the faith. And if that's the Lord's will for you, you can be assured He'll be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you.

John 8:36

If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

When you get saved, Jesus breaks the bondage of Satan in your life. But as you go on to serve the Lord, you must abide in the secret place of the most High — that place where you are really convinced, where you have that confidence, where you are sure, where you are relying on God to fulfil His promises in your life — no matter what.

If you are in this place with Him, you will see His Word fulfilled because they are the Scriptures of truth. They can't be changed, and I wouldn't want them to be changed.

Use All of God's Armour

Ephesians 6:10,11

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Put on the whole armour of God, so you can stand against the wiles of the devil. Without salvation you are serving the devil. It's just as clear as that. You are in his control until you receive Christ as your Lord and Saviour.

Now, before we can put the armour of God on, we must have salvation. We must come to Jesus, confessing our sins in true repentance, turning away from them, and receiving Christ as our Lord and Saviour. Jesus not only becomes our Saviour but becomes both Lord and Saviour. He is the Lord of our life. We were purchased at a great cost. We are not our own.

When we have received Jesus as Lord and Saviour, we go on to serve Him in sincerity and truth, having on the whole armour of God.

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Certainly, we are living in a very evil day. If we could see the unseen demon forces that come against us in this spiritual warfare, we would realize how serious this warfare is.

Ephesians 6:13

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

We're not wrestling against flesh and blood but against Satan's host: Satan and all his demons.

Ephesians 6:14a

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth

God's Word is truth and we certainly need God's Word. We need to know it and understand it. If we lack understanding, all we need do is seek God and He'll give us that understanding.

Ephesians 6:14b,15

. . . and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

We cannot have righteousness without first confessing our sins and receiving Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

This is how we are going to fight against demon forces. With the shield of faith we will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the devil.

The psalmist in Psalm 91 certainly had taken his shield of faith. He had confidence: assurance in the Lord because he was abiding in that secret place. He knew that no matter what he had to go through God's promises would be fulfilled in his life.

We've got to come to the place where we are resting in God — where we're not going to worry, not going to fret, not going to doubt, not going to let our heart and mind be filled with unbelief, but are going to have a strong confidence in God.

Ephesians 6:17

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

We must pray every day. How are we going to resist the adversary if we don't pray? We're no match for the devil on our own. We should pray always.

Now, this doesn't mean that we have to shut down everything and spend all our time praying. Did you not know that you can pray while you are busy with your daily activities?

Didn't Hannah pray without making a sound? Her lips moved but Eli the priest couldn't hear what she was saying. Nobody could hear her — nobody, but God. And that's all that's necessary when we pray — that God hears our cry.

Ephesians 6:18

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints

We are told to draw nigh unto God and resist the adversary (James 4:7,8). If we don't pray, then we have no resistance to fight against the forces of demon powers. Praying draws strength to resist.

In this walk with the Lord, we are fighting against demon forces. We have to stand against the enemy, having on the whole armour of God. If we do this, we will be able to resist all the darts of the enemy, quenching them with the shield of faith. Yes, our faith is what will quench those fiery darts of the adversary of our soul.

The psalmist wrote about this adversary when he spoke of God delivering us from the snare of the fowler. He is out to steal, out to kill, and out to destroy God's people.

Abiding in Christ

Psalm 91:9,10

Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

When you are living in that secret place with the Lord you have made Him your habitation: You are abiding in Christ, and that is the only safe place to dwell.

Remember the plagues that came upon the Egyptians when God sent Moses and Aaron to deliver His people? There were ten plagues, including plagues of lice, plagues of flies, and plagues of frogs.

Some have frogs in their home for pets, but that's not having a plague of frogs. When the Egyptians had a plague of frogs, there were frogs everywhere, even in their beds and in their ovens.

A plague can make you miserable. We bought a house years ago that was plagued with flies. There were flies everywhere. We did everything we could to get rid of them until we finally had to take the wallboard down because inside was just packed with flies. That certainly was a plague. I don't think we had gotten saved yet. If we had only known the Scriptures back then, we could have claimed this promise and been under the protection of the Lord.

Psalm 91:11,12

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

If this doesn't speak of protection, what is it speaking of?

Psalm 34:7

The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

I thank God that there is Divine protection for His children. He has given angels charge over us to protect us and keep us in all our ways.

Psalm 91:13

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

A lion is fierce animal, the king of the jungle. How could you trample one under your feet? Satan goes about as a lion, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8). But we can resist him and put him under our feet (Luke 10:19).

Psalm 91:14,15

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

Those who have set their love upon the Lord — those who are abiding in that secret place — will call upon Him and He will answer. He has promised to be with them in times of trouble and to deliver them.

Psalm 91:16

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My salvation.

Our times are in the Lord's hands. What a privilege and opportunity we still have in our old age when we are able to preach the Gospel, able to witness to others about Jesus Christ.

This secret place is the place we should each want to come to in our walk with the Lord.

When we set our love upon Him and make Him our habitation — abiding in Him day by day — we will be in the place where we will not be shaken by the things we see, not be shaken by the things we hear, nor be shaken by the things we experience.