

# STUDY PSALM 91

FAR FROM OPPRESSION AND TERROR, FOR IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR YOU

*As you personalize this psalm and confess its powerful protection promises aloud over your loved ones and ministry partners, see them surrounded by God's ministering angels and protected from harm and destruction. Cast the care of them over on The LORD, and lean on the strength of your covenant with Him. Jesus is the High Priest of our confession of faith (Hebrews 3:1). And His covenant-enforcing angels listen for the voice of His WORD (Psalm 103:20). Give them something to work with! As you speak these verses in faith, the reality of your protection and deliverance will become your "shield and buckler" (Psalm 91:4, King James Version).*

**VERSE 1:** The shelter, or secret place, of the Most High is open to "whoever believes." God has already done His part. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5). There is no shadow of turning with Him (James 1:17). The shadow referred to here is the force field of God's presence. Anyone who comes within shadow distance of God is covered by His power. The force field of the Almighty is unmatched. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, and there is no power that is any match for the might, glory, and majesty of the Creator of all.

**VERSE 2:** "I will say..." Speaking words of faith is the way of entrance into the secret place of the Most High. God created the universe and everything in it by speaking words of faith (Genesis 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 4:13; Hebrews 11:1-3). Since mankind is made in His image (Genesis 1:26), hearing, believing, and speaking are the way of entrance into His kingdom (Romans 10:9-10) and the way it operates (Matthew 8:8-10; Mark 11:22-24; Luke 17:6; Romans 10:17). To activate the power of God's WORD in your life, you must speak it in faith. God's angels listen for the voice of His spoken WORD (Psalm 103:20). You are born again, healed, filled with the Holy Spirit, and blessed financially and in every other way by hearing, believing, and speaking God's words from a heart of faith.

**VERSE 3:** Surely is from a Hebrew word whose meaning includes "assured, certainly, doubtless, yes, truly."<sup>1</sup> In other words, "It's for sure" He shall deliver you. A snare is a hidden trap. God will deliver you from hidden traps and dangers you didn't even know were there, and from deadly pestilences, plagues, or epidemics – deadly, virulent diseases that are highly infectious and that may bring about mass death. There have been many of these

devastating plagues throughout human history, but the believer hidden in the secret place of the Most High, standing on and believing God's WORD, has nothing to fear. Psalm 23:4 says, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me." To fully benefit from the power God has made available to you, believe and speak His words in faith over yourself and your family, and learn to cooperate with Him by listening to and being led by His Spirit. He will always warn you about danger and try to guide you around it. But if you don't pay attention, or if you override your spirit and keep on going, you could end up stumbling into one of the devil's snares. So pay attention to the leading of the Holy Spirit (John 10:27).

**VERSE 4:** Just as a mother hen shelters her chicks under her wings, The LORD will cover you with His protection. Psalm 36:7 says, "How excellent is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore mankind seeks refuge in the shadow of Your wings." And Jesus Himself said over Jerusalem: "How often I would have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you would not!" (Matthew 23:37). God's "wings" are not feathers. When Ezekiel saw Him, He was a fire from His loins up and a fire from His loins down (Ezekiel 1:27, 8:2). In the presence of Almighty God we are surrounded and engulfed by "wings" of His glory fire, which is the power and majesty of His great love. He is our glorious, covenant-keeping God. His faithfulness and lovingkindness--His hesed-agape love for us--is a powerful shield around us.

**VERSES 5-6:** "You shall not be afraid..." God commands us scores of times throughout the Old and New Testaments to not be afraid. Fear binds you to the power of the enemy. Verse 5 says to not be afraid of terror at night (terrorist attacks, someone breaking into your home, etc.), or arrows (bullets, etc.), or deadly or virulent epidemic diseases (as in verse 3), or destruction, like sudden earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, avalanches, floods, or bombs. You are hidden in the secret place, or shelter, of the Most High. Isaiah 43:2 says, "When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame kindle on you." God is well able to protect you. Refuse to fear, and "have faith in God" (Mark 11:22)!

**VERSES 7-8:** In these situations, "a thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand," but because you have made The LORD your refuge and are declaring The WORD of His protection by faith, none of those things will come near you. You'll see them, but your shield--the force field of The LORD's protection--

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will preserve you. He will deliver you from violence (2 Samuel 22:3) because you're in the secret place of the Most High. The devil can't find you--you're hidden in the glory.

**VERSES 9-10:** And because you are standing on His WORD and trusting The LORD more than anything else and have chosen to make the Most High your dwelling place, no evil will happen to you, neither shall any plague come near you or your home. The WORD of His power will uphold you (Hebrews 1:3) as you trust in Him and speak His covenant promises of protection over you and your loved ones (Psalm 55:22).

**VERSES 11-12:** God's covenant-enforcing army, His angels, have been sent forth to minister on your behalf. Hebrews 1:14 says, "Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service [of God for the assistance] of those who are to inherit salvation?" (The Amplified Bible, Classic Edition). These mighty beings are so powerful that just one of them wiped out, in one night, 185,000 soldiers laying siege to God's people who were crying out to Him for help (2 Kings 19:35). Psalm 103:20 says God's angels listen for the voice of His WORD (King James Version), so put God's words of protection in your mouth every day because in consistency lies the power!

**VERSES 13-14:** Jesus said, "I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). The spotless Lamb of God shed His own blood in covenant sacrifice to make the way for you to have authority over all the power of the enemy--including fear. Because "He [God] [has] raised us up and seated us together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6), satan and all his demons are under our feet. See yourself seated together with Him, looking down on all the power of the enemy, and realize because you have set your love on Him, and He dwells in you and you in Him, He makes it His personal business to protect you--His covenant son or daughter (2 Corinthians 6:18). Nothing shall by any means hurt you as you stay in faith and trust in your Father to take care of you.

**VERSES 15-16:** When you call on your covenant Partner in the Name of Jesus, He will always answer. He dwells in you and is ever present. He has said, "I will never leave you, nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5). Psalm 34:15 says, "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry." And Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew

28:20). He promises to not only protect but also to deliver, honor, satisfy with long life, and show you His salvation. Salvation in Psalm 91:16 means, "deliverance, aid, victory, prosperity, health, help, save, and welfare."<sup>2</sup> Your covenant Partner is your advocate and deliverer in every situation and circumstance. If you'll stay in faith in His WORD, His miraculous power will cause you to walk on the high places of the earth (Isaiah 58:14), far above all principality and power and might and dominion (Ephesians 1:21)--victorious in all you set your hand to do (Psalm 1:1-3)!

<sup>1</sup> Strong, Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, H3588.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., H3444.

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