

PSALMS 91
THE SECURITY OF THE GODLY

This Psalms assures us that God will be our refuge and that we may seek His protection in times of spiritual and physical danger. This Psalm expresses the security of those who trust fully in God.

1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
[We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods]
2. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.
[This I declare, that He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I am trusting Him]
The 4 names for God in these verses describes different aspects of His protection
 - A. Most High – shows Him to be greater than any threat we face (Gen. 14:19)
 - B. Almighty – His power to confront and destroy every enemy (Exod. 6:3)
 - C. The Lord – Assures us that His presence is always with us
 - D. My God – The truth that God is intimately with those who trust Him.
3. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence
[He rescues us from every trap, and protects us from the fatal plague].
 - A. Snare – Traps set to catch you (things that look good)
 - B. Fowler – A professional one to trap you – satan’s tricks
 - C. Noisome Pestilence – Highly harmful; fatal disease that is widespread
4. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
[He will shield us with His wings! They will shelter us. His faithful promises are Our armor].
 - A. Feathers – Signifies honor, braveness, and strength.
 - B. Wings – Indicates power; picture of protection and care
 - C. Shield – An armor that covers the body (Eph. 6:16)
 - D. Buckler – A small shield held by a handle at arm’s length
5. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day
[Now we don’t need to be afraid of the dark any more, nor fear the dangers of The day]
 - A. Terror by night – Unexpected attacks
 - B. Arrow that flieth – Common calamities; still struggling where weak; Mentally, emotionally etc.

6. **Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.**
[nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning].
 A. Pestilence that walketh in darkness – Plagues and damnation of evil; famines
 B. Destruction that wasteth at noonday – Devastating and disasters that strikes at midday (symbolic of noontime)
7. **A thousand may fall at thy side, and ten thousands at thy right hand; but it shall not come night thee.**
[Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousands are dying around me, the evil will not touch me].
 Nothing happen to a faithful servant except by God's permission.
 This truth doesn't mean that there will never be unpleasant or difficult times (Rom. 8:35-36 but God will work out for our good (Rom. 8:28)
8. **Only with thine eyes shall thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.**
[We will see how the wicked are punished but we will not share it].
9. **Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;**
[For Jehovah is our refuge! We choose the God (Jehovah) above all gods to shelter us].
10. **There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.**
[How then can evil overtake us nor any plague come near]? Again, nothing can happen to a faithful servant except by God's permission.
11. **For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.**
[For He orders His angels to protect us wherever you go].
 God commissions angels to watch carefully over the lives of the faithful.
 A. They protect all who continually seek to dwell in the presence of God
 B. They guard the body, soul and spirit of the believers.
12. **They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.**
[They will steady you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks on the trail].
 The protection includes all our ways. There is no limit as long as we walk in the shadow of the Almighty. They bear us up in our troubles; support us as we face our spiritual enemies.
13. **Thou shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall thy trample under feet.**
[You can safely meet a lion or step on poisonous snakes, yes, even trample them beneath your feet].

14. 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.

[For the Lord says, because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trust in my name].

Faithful followers are addressed – because they truly love Him, He promise to come to their aide in time of trouble. He knows who the believers are and will be with them, hear their prayers and gives them His divine presence and provision.

15. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will deliver him, and honor him.

[When he calls on me I will answer; I will be with him in trouble, and rescue him and honor him].

The secret for receiving God's protective care is a heart that is intimately attached to the Lord in gratitude and affection.

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

[I will satisfy him with a full life and give him my salvation].