



- Shelter in place
- Read Psalm 91

Understanding Who God Is...

Most High Almighty Jehovah God



- Understanding who God is (vs. 1-2)
 - Most High: sees and knows all that is happening
 - Almighty: powerful (able to do what needs to be done for His people)
 - Jehovah: existing one: eternal (not created by man's imagination, reality)
 - God: deity, not man
- We must consider and honor the majesty, glory, and power of God.



- The Dangers we face (3 - 6)
 - snare of the fowler
 - Human attacks, hidden and deceitful
 - deadly pestilence, stalks in darkness (6)
 - natural, difficult to fight, not obvious
 - hunts us down actively
 - night terror
 - fear, sudden assault, unexpected
 - arrow
 - battle, open assault
 - God is shield and buckler (4)
 - destruction wastes at noon day (6)



- God's Faithfulness (4)
 - Other translations "His Truth"
 - Same concept as "trust" (vs. 2)
 - to put trust in, confide, hope.
 - sure, reliable, stability, **certainty**
- God is absolutely worthy of our trust in Him.
 - He will act for our benefit
 - He will do what he has promised



- 3-4: deliver, cover, refuge, shield and buckler

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GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

deliver

cover

refuge

shield & buckler

guard

deliver

protect

answer



- 11, 15: guard, deliver, protect, answer (when I call)

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

deliver **cover** **refuge** **shield & buckler**
guard **deliver** **protect** **answer**
with **rescue** **honor** **satisfy**



- 15-16: with Him, rescue, honor, satisfy



- 16: show him my salvation
 - James was beheaded, but Peter was delivered. Why?
 - Eventually, Peter too died
 - Were they both saved?



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- Must be careful of using this passage as a test of God
 - God will keep me safe from this virus no matter what I do
 - If I get the virus, God must not really be caring for me, or powerful



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- 16: show him my salvation
 - Ultimately this must be understood spiritually, not from every physical challenge



- Because God is Faithful...
 - We will not fear (5)
 - No Evil shall be allowed to befall you (10)
 - No plague come near your tent (10)



- vs. 11: commands angels to guard you in all your ways
 - bear you up: not strike foot on stone
- vs. 13: tread on lion and adder; trample
 - powerful, vicious
 - poisonous, sneaky

MY FAITHFULNESS



- Since God is faithful, shouldn't I respond with faithfulness too?



MY FAITHFULNESS

dwell

abide

- vs. 1: dwell and abide
- Dwell
 - remain, stay
- Abide
 - lodge
- Being a Christian is not a casual relationship with God.
- Cannot be on and off; sometimes; when convenient
- Family



- Psalms 91:1 (ESV) 1 He who dwells in the **shelter** of the Most High will abide in the **shadow** of the Almighty.
 - Shelter - hides from danger
 - Shadow - covering
- Psalms 91:2 (ESV) I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
 - Refuge: shelter (different from verse 1): from rain, danger
 - Fortress: stronghold, protect from attack
 - God in whom I trust
 - complete reliance only on God
 - personal.



- Psalms 91:8 (ESV) You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.
- Too often our focus is on the world, the dangers, the struggles
- Envy the Wicked when see their prosperity (Ps. 73)
- Wonder what God is doing, if anything. Seems idle or apathetic
- Look away from the danger and look to God!



- Psalms 91:9 (ESV) Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
 - dwelling place (refuge in vs. 2): shelter from rain, danger
 - refuge: dwelling, den, habitation

MY FAITHFULNESS



- Psalms 91:14-16 (ESV) 14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

MY FAITHFULNESS

hold fast to Me in love



- “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him
- Holds fast (set, devoted)
 - emphasizes that which attaches to something or someone: in the case of emotions it is that love which is already bound to it’s object:
 - This is love that will not let go.
- Love: cling, delight in

MY FAITHFULNESS

*hold fast to Me in love
knows My Name*



- I will protect him, because he knows my name.
- Relationship!
 - not a stranger

MY FAITHFULNESS

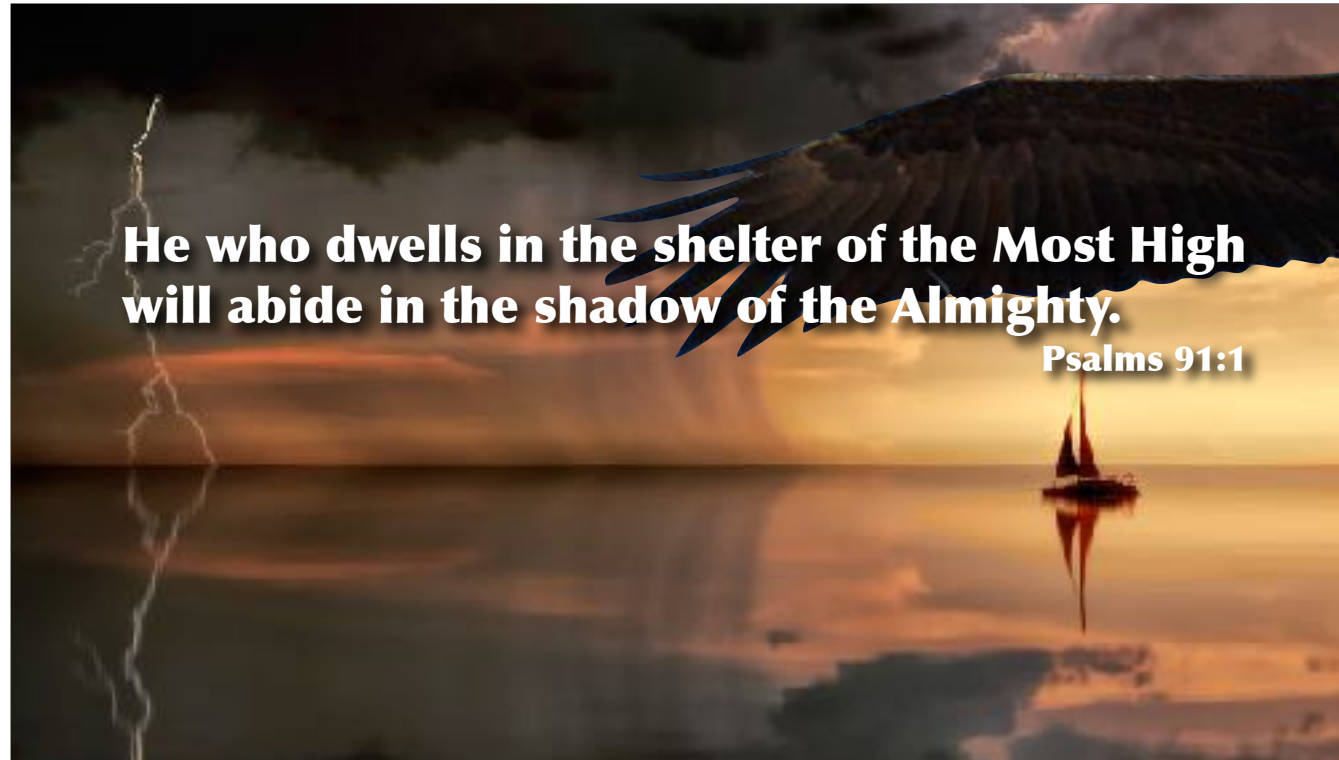
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- 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him
- Calls to me
 - cry out
 - Who do you call out to when you are in trouble?
 - prayer will be answered: Father



- Psalms 91:1: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
- While we are sheltering in our homes from this disease, let's remember that our real shelter is in God; we can depend on His salvation.
- Trust in Him: love Him, know Him, cry to Him.

His Presence

**Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them
with His presence.**

Revelation 7:15



- Revelation 7:9-17
 - Pictures the saints
- 15:
 - before the throne of God (dwelling)
 - serve Him
 - Shelter Him with presence
- No matter what is happening in the world, God is with us!
- 16-17: complete care for us!

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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The Shelter of the Most High

Psalm 91

Synopsis: This Psalm describes what it means to have trust in God, finding him to be our shelter and refuge when we face various troubles. It concludes by reminding us to love him, know him, and cry out to him.

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“Let all that you do be done with love.”