

Thankful for God's Protection

Psalm 91

Thankful for God's Protecting Shelter (Psalm 91:1-8) Many scholars believe this poem to be written during the setting of looming war. The writer portrays God as a protective bird covering its young from danger. This passage is no-doubt known as the soldiers psalm.

a. Find safety through faith in Jesus Christ (vv.1-2) Those who trust in the Lord will be given protection. Jesus is the Shelter of the Most High, Jesus has conquered death, and Jesus will never leave us.

b. Find security in His deliverance (v.3) God is able to deliver us from anything and everything according to His will.

Do you know that God cares for you? He loves you! Listen what Jesus said concerning you found in (Luke 12:4-7) ***"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows."*** I cannot explain why so many are taken away so soon or so early, but I do know that God has a plan for your life and my life! I've done some stupid stuff and I shouldn't be alive today, but praise be to God for His protecting shelter!

Thankful for God's Promising Strength (Psalm 91:9-13) Satan quoted verse 12 to Jesus in the wilderness. Even Satan and his demons know the strength and power of God. James 2:19 affirms this: ***"You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!"*** The psalmist displays the unending ability of our mighty God! His strength, protection, and deliverance are immeasurable. (Isaiah 40:29) ***"He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength."*** I praise God that He alone gives me strength!

Thankful for God's Provision of Salvation (Psalm 91:14-16) What does trust look like? It looks like placing one's love, one's total surrender into the nail scarred hands of Jesus Christ for salvation! Verse 15 reminds me of John 10:3 ***"To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."*** Jesus Christ provides salvation for all who call upon Him!

Receiving God's protection doesn't mean that we will experience a pain free life. In fact, persecution is promised for those who follow Jesus Christ by faith. The safest place to be is in God's will. The writer of Hebrews gives us insight of those who placed faith in God and who

are now in Heaven. They have received the provision of salvation. We too will receive the provision of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ. Aren't you thankful for this fact? (Hebrews 11:13-16) ***“These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”***

Application:

God confronts our greatest fears by letting us see just how big He is and how He is on the throne.