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God's Secret Place with Perfect Protection

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Psalm 91:1-16 *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2) I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." 3) Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the perilous pestilence. 4) He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5) You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6) Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7) A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. 8) Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked. 9) Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place: 10) No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11) For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. 12) In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13) You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. 14) Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15) He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16) With long life I*

will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.
(NKJV)

WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD
BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?
(ROMANS. 8:31)

What is the "secret place of the Most High"? Does the meaning of the words "refuge" and "fortress" point to who may be the author of this psalm? How is the "perilous pestilence" applicable to our day? Is God pictured as an eagle? What is this man's greatest personal defense? What are the four things that are not to bring terror to the heart? Is this protection especially supernatural? Does this one do the Greatest Commandment? What are the eight things that God will do for this saint?

FOCUS ON FUTURE BIBLE STUDIES:

- JANUARY 20: PSALM 103:1-11 **GOD'S INFINITE MERCY: OUR CALL TO PRAISE**
- JANUARY 27: PSALM 103:12-22 **THE GREATER GOD'S GRACE, THE GREATER OUR WORSHIP!**

Some Rabbis held that anonymous psalms like this one were authored by the previously named author. By their conjecture this psalm would have been authored by Moses who wrote Psalm 90. However, the Rabbis' conjecture does not hold true for three reasons: 1) Psalm 95, which would also by the Rabbis' conjecture be authored by Moses, is quoted (vv.7-8) in Hebrews 4:7 and attributed to David. 2) Moses would not have authored Psalm 99:6 which speaks of Samuel in the past tense. 3) Only David refers to the "fortress" in verse two translated a "stronghold" on other occasions. Thus Calvin mentions, "It is ascribed to David in the Septuagint, Chaldee, Vulgate, Syriac, Arabic, and Ethiopic versions." Since one of David's titles was "the sweet psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1), and he wrote more psalms than anyone

BIBLE STUDIES

THURSDAY @ 6:30 AM –PRAYER MEETING – GAB 6TH FLOOR SPEAKER'S CONFERENCE ROOM

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else and all knew he was the author, isn't it probable that he initially did not need to put his name on his psalms?

DAVID HAD BEEN ANOINTED KING OVER ISRAEL IN HIS YOUTH (1 SAMUEL 16:3). THEREFORE, DAVID WAS INVINCIBLE UNTIL HE BECAME KING! WAS THE SAME TRUE FOR HIS 500 MEN?

I. THE SECRET PLACE

PSALM 91:1-6

This "*secret place of the Most High*" remains a mystery to the casual observer but the first hint emerges in verse two in the original language. Literally it begins, "*I will say to the LORD,*" thus revealing a commitment to prayer. And then verse fourteen clearly reveals what this one, trusting in God, is doing, "*He shall call upon Me and I will answer him.*" Yet Jesus Christ reveals this commitment to prayer in the "*secret place*" the most clearly both by His example and His words. "*And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly*" (Matthew 6:5-6). David saw in his physical blessings the very hand of God. He says to God (describing Him by four names), "*You are my refuge (cave) and my fortress (Masada).*" Since God is their dwelling place, they are delivered from both men and deadly sickness. Truth is their shield and there is absence of fear from four things usually bringing terror.

FAITH BY CHEERING THE HEART KEEPS IT FREE FROM THE FEAR WHICH, IN TIMES OF PESTILENCE, KILLS MORE THAN THE PLAGUE ITSELF.
CHARLES SPURGEON

II. THE SECURE PLACE

PSALM 91:7-13

This one who walks with God may have many thousands dying all around him, but death is forbidden to be near them! Because the LORD is their refuge (cave), only their eyes will see it. Then their protection moves up into the supernatural, and not just one guardian angel, but an entire host are charged with absolutely guarding them from every possible evil! So that even the smallest stone of stumbling is overcome by the lifting hands of angels, easing them above their trials. With such supernatural help especially the most dangerous beasts of prey, both the openly aggressive and the deceptively venomous are trampled down with ease. Even the beast full of youthful strength and the most fearfully terrible are to be trampled under the feet of the one who abides with the Most High.

AND WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, TO THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. (ROMANS 8:28)

III. THE SOVEREIGN PLACE

PSALM 91:14-16

Now there is an upward shift in this final stanza. God becomes the speaker and He describes the one He is protecting. In short, this protected one, God says, loves Me because he knows Me and thus he specifically calls upon Me. It is impossible to overcome this one because God says He will not allow it. Literally God stacks everything in his favor by providing eight promises of continued benevolence: I will (continually) deliver him! I will (continually) exalt him, (making him unassailable)! I will (continually) answer him, (fulfilling his prayers)! I (Myself) will (continually) be with him in trouble! I will (continually) rescue him, (as one ready for battle)! I will (continually) honor him! I will (continually) satisfy him with long days or long life! And finally and most importantly, I will (continually and eternally) show him My salvation! Is there anything more that we could possibly ask for from our all-powerful, sovereign God?

Questions to Ponder:

- 1) Are you committed to prayer and dwelling in the secret place of the Most High?
- 2) Do you know God and seek His truth in His Word and are you trusting His Word as your shield and buckler?
- 3) Most importantly, has God shown you His salvation in Jesus Christ who gave His life to deliver you from sin and Satan?