

## SERMON NOTES—April 10, 2016

### Psalm 91 God's Protection

#### **911: Christians are under attack!**

The Unholy Trinity: The World, The Flesh, The Devil

#### **Psalms--BASICS**

#### **Psalm 91**

##### OUTLINE

vs. 1-2: Assurance of God's Protection

vs. 3-8, 11-13: The Ways God Protects

vs. 9-10: An Invitation to Receive God's Protection

vs. 14-16: Promises from the Lord for His Protection

#### **Part 1: Assurance of God's Protection**

#### **v. 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.**

DWELLS: abides, finds a home in, lives

SHELTER: hiding place out of reach of enemies

MOST HIGH(Elyon):highest & supreme-God is highly exalted and has supreme authority

REST: spend the night—cared for by God

SHADOW: protective covering & intimacy

ALMIGHTY (Shaddai): all powerful

#### **v. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress my God, in whom I trust."**

I WILL SAY OF THE LORD: a personal testimony

HE IS: in God's essence and being

MY: personal, by experience

REFUGE: a place of rest & security

FORTRESS: a stronghold, tower of defense

MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST: full confidence

#### **4 Names of God: Elyon, Shaddai, Yahweh, Elohim**

This is the GOD where those who trust in Him find protection!

#### **Part 2: The Ways God Protects (vs.3-8, 11-13)**

1. God delivers from the traps and snares of evil that lead to destruction v.3 (v.3)
2. God is like an immense yet tender loving bird protecting her brood v.4
3. Whether it's terrors at night or attacks during the day--God protects v.5, 6
4. When the unforgiven are punished you will stand untouched v.7, 8
5. The angels of the Lord will be given orders to protect faithful believers (vs.11-13)

#### **Part 3: An Invitation to Receive God's Protection (vs.9-10)**

"If you make the Most High your dwelling, even the Lord, who is my refuge, then no evil will conquer you and no disaster will come near your home."

#### **Part 4: Promises from the Lord for His Protection (vs14-15)**

Those who love me, know my Name and cry out to me:

I will rescue; I will protect; I will answer; I will be there in times of trouble; I will deliver; I will satisfy and you'll experience my salvation of everlasting life!

#### **Skeptics Answered**

- This psalm and the bible do not promise a life free of problems, difficulties and hardship, but do promise that God will take those who trust in Him through the tough times (John 16:33)
- God allows difficulty for our good—to build our character and change our hearts (James 1:2-4)
- God is there to help His children through difficulty (Psalm 91)
- Psalm 91 must be seen through the eyes of eternity (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- Often times difficulty is caused by people who make poor choices(freedom)

## **Bridge to Jesus**

The Cross: Colossians 2:13-15

The Blood: Romans 5:8-9

The Name: Philippians 2:9-11

The Victory: 1 Corinthians 15:56-57

## **God Protects His Children**

**Call 911---Psalm 91:1**

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will rest in the shadow of the Almighty**