

Protection Is Not Punishment Part 2

The Safest Place on Earth- Psalms 91



What Is The Secret Place of God ?

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**."

*5 "And when you pray, **do not be like the hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners **to be seen by others**. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 **But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.***

Matthew 6:5-6

God Can Deliver Me From or Deliver Me In Times of Trouble.

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**.



The word picture that God uses is that of a Fowler (Person who catches birds) trapping a bird. In America, we don't eat a lot of small birds but in the Psalmist's time, it was a very popular source of protein among other things. There were a lot of different designs for bird traps but they all had one thing in common, Bait (James 1:13-15), Something that appealed to or drew the bird into the trap. God can keep us from falling (Jude 1:24-25) and he can deliver us when we fall (Psalm 50:15). A good bird trap usually involved a net. When the birds were drawn in by the bait, they were trapped by the net. Once in the net, the more they struggle to be free the more entangled the bird would become.

God Can Bless You In A Time of Trouble or Curse you In a Time of Blessing.

**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;**

As we see in Psalms 91:7-10 above, you can be safe and protected when everyone and everything around you are in chaos. On the other hand, when we are disobedient, God can cause us to falter even when everyone around us is progressing (Isaiah 40:30-31).

God Ministers To You.

**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.**



The Name of God/ Relationship With God.

**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.”**

The Benefits of a personal Relationship

**Answered Prayer-1 John 5:14-15, Comfort In Trouble-Isaiah 43:2,
Deliverance- Psalm 34:17, Long Life (Eternal)-John 3:36 and
understand Salvation-1 Corinthians 15:51-53.**