

Abide Under the Shadow of the Almighty

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.(PSA91:1) Psalm 91 conveys God's protection to His people and rescue from danger. Under the shadow of the Almighty means in the presence of God and it is a place that we can abide. And dwell implying a committed, consistent closeness with the Lord. It is a secret place accessible those who redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. It is the place of His presence is where strength is found. The psalmist declares his trust in the Lord as the Most High and the Almighty God. He sees God as his defender and faithful protector. The term "Most High" implies God is superior to all other powers and exalted above all other gods. A shelter provides safety from a storm or enemy. Those who dwell there abide, knowing His protection, comfort and care.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.(v.2) Psalmist declares that the Lord is his God, and he trusts in Him with all heart. As our refuge and fortress, Lord merits our confidence. Saying is believing! Fortress refers to stronghold. Psalm resounds with a spirit of courage-in times of hardship, safety amidst threats and danger.

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.(v.3) We are weak as poor little birds. Devil and his agents often work as the fowler snare. to be enticed to our destruction by cunning foes. But those who abide Him are in a place of safety against such schemes. God protects His people in times of plague, disease, perils.

He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.(v.4)His wings is a metaphor for the protective refuge of God's presence to nurture, train, shelter, guide and protect. As birds do with their young, Lord's protection of those who trust in him as mother eagle gives her chicks to bring comfort.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day.(v.5) If God is with you, you need not fear, any season of life, nothing will reach you throughout night or day. God is a faithful refuge. Having God as a shelter gives strength/courage to people of God. "I will fear no evil, for you are with me" it remind us that a sovereign God is in control.

Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noontday.(v.6) It refer to scorching effects of the sun and heat. Despite those dangers, all kinds of destruction that could come however, those who trust in God have reasons for confidence. God protected His people during their wilderness wanderings by giving health laws.

A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.(v.7) God's care and protection could be focused that it can preserve one in ten thousand. Lord intervened at the Red Sea to save His people when the Egyptians pursued the Israelites. He caused the pillar of cloud. He also provided a safe path through the Red Sea.

Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the punishment of the wicked.(v.8) Those who trust in the Lord will escape God's judgment, but they will witness it. There will be a day when the saints of God will be protected from all evils of this world. We will see sin judged, but we will be spared from its judgment. We must make sure of our eternal salvation.

Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,(v.9) When you have trust, you make God your refuge. Being sure that God loves you, guides you, protects you, you will make the Most High your dwelling and place of refuge. In this way, there is no need to fear anything, no harm will come to you or to your home.

No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;(v.10) This is an expression of trust and faith in the Lord, who calls on all people to come under His protection and security. Believers experience suffering as they travel through this sin world, but they do not experience any trial that God does not allow for their eternal good and His glory.

For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.(v.11) God may send His protection and care unto His people – through His angels, commanding them to keep and bear up His people. This promise was quoted and twisted by Satan when tempting Christ in the wilderness. Jesus rejected the Devil's improper use of these words.(MAT4:7)

In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.(v.12) It is desirable that we should not stumble. God will protect us and save us from all evils. It is the Lord's part to send his angels to bear us up above loose stones. It is they who guide us, give us warnings that make us alert. Nothing can happen outside of God's will and His plan.

You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. (v.13) By making God your refuge, you will be able to identify good and evil, thus choose the best path. God will fill you with full wisdom. God gives us authority to tread on our enemies, lions and serpents in our lives. It speaks of granting victory to His people.

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. (v.14) God promises blessing His people and deliver who clings to Him in love, implying delight. They receive everlasting life. God will protect His beloved and set him on high because he has known My name, having relationship with God.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.(v.15) Lord promises to answer their call for help when they are in trouble. The Lord says, *I'm the one who delivers, rescues, redeems.* Job is an example who experienced trouble, but in the end, Job received honor from all who visited him after the trials.

With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.(v.16) God's ongoing faithful and sovereign protection for His people. Lord promises long life to the person who trusts Him and loves Him. Lord promises salvation-deliverance in this life, but it always the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. He satisfies the trusting believer with long life!

We as children come and near of the Most High God, assures us that He will be with us in all the situations. Hallelu-Yah!