

## **“Neither Shall Any...”**

Psalm 91:10 “There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.”

This verse is really quite intriguing. Why are "evil" and "plague" used in the same sentence? Because every aspect of evil is covered by these two words.

My heart's prayer today is that as you read this, each one will gain a greater understanding of what the Lord is saying to you. To help you understand better I am going to break down two key words in this text (evil and plague).

According to the Bible evil and its consequences became reality when the first humans were created.

*Genesis 2:9 “The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”*

Holman Bible Dictionary explains evil as this:

*“That which is opposed to God and His purposes or that which, defined from human perspectives, is harmful and non-productive. Evil is of two types. First, there is natural evil. There are destructive forces in nature, ranging from earthquakes and tidal waves to cancer. Second, there is moral evil which has its source in the choice and action of humans. This type of evil includes war, crime, cruelty, and slavery.”*

Evil can be one of two things: a moral issue or physical issue.

The root word in Hebrew is pronounced ev-eel and means: someone who despises wisdom, someone who mocks God's Word proudly guilty of violating it.

Since the English word has no Hebrew equivalent to it most translations will use the word “ra” which simply means bad. Our English word "ill" actually comes from the abbreviation of evil, which means adversity.

Adversity is loaded with definitions. Please stay with me, okay? I am laying ground work here.

Adversity means:

disease

individual or national calamity

drought

scarcity of food

hatred

selfish ambition

envy

I could list numerous things, but will stop here because we all have things to do! Evil came into being with the rebellion of Satan and subsequently entered the physical universe with the fall of Adam.

Now, what about the word "plague:" It means, "striking blows or inflictions." Striking blows indicates harm, or intent to harm while the word "infliction" has 65 definitions in the Urban Dictionary. Think about it. That means there are 65 different definitions attached to each one! Wow.

Here are just a few:

disgrace

torment

punishment

unnecessary pain (wow....unnecessary pain!!!)

suffering

The words "evil" and "plague" were not used together randomly, but with Kingdom intent and purpose to show us what Christ paid to free us from.

Friends, this verse means exactly what it says it means. No evil can happen to your soul because He promises "it won't come nigh thy dwelling." Everything is overruled for our good in the scope of life. That includes when bad things happen.

We can be secure when others are in peril. This exemption from evil is the direct result of our trust in God. We only have to exercise faith in the Blood of His Son instead of spreading it on our doorways!

*Exodus 12:13, "And the BLOOD shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the BLOOD, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you..."*

How much more does the Son's blood speak? How much more precious is the Blood of His Son! That is exactly what God did then, and it's what He will do for us now. We just have to stand strong and trust Him with everything that is happening. He will work it out for our good!

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