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God's A Protector!

Scripture: Psalm 91:9-11 - ⁹Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; ¹⁰There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. ¹¹For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalm 91:9-11 is a Scripture about divine protection for those who make God their "dwelling place" and refuge, promising that no evil or plague will touch them because God commands His angels to guard them in all their ways. It stresses trust in God's faithfulness and love, suggesting that while hardship may occur, it will ultimately be for one's good and not a sign of harm.

Romans 8:35-39 contains one of the most comforting promises in all Scripture. We the people of God always had to face hardships in many forms: persecution, illness, imprisonment, even death. Paul explains that it is impossible to be separated from Christ. His death for us is proof of His unconquerable love. Nothing can stop His constant presence with us. "Principalities" and "powers" are unseen forces of evil in the universe, forces like Satan and his fallen angels. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). In Christ we are super-conquerors, and His love will protect us from any such forces.

Angels are God's messengers, spiritual beings created by God and under his authority (Colossians 1:16). They have several functions: serving believers (Hebrews 1:14), protecting the helpless (Matthew 18:10-11), proclaiming God's messages (Revelation 14:6-12), and executing God's judgment (Acts 12:1-23; Revelation 20:1-3). There are examples of guardian angels in Scripture (1 Kings 19:5; Daniel 6:22; Matthew 18:10; Luke 16:22; Acts 12:7). God as the source of all protections, commands His angels to watch over and care for us, and it extends to all aspects of our life and journey.

This is a promise of constant, comprehensive divine care, offering assurance of spiritual, physical, and emotional support. The angels' role is to serve and carry out God's will, providing safety and guidance to us as we walk in God's paths of obedience and faithfulness, not paths of sin or worldly desires. While it doesn't guarantee freedom from all trials, the verse is a powerful affirmation of God's unwavering presence and support through His angels for those who dwell in Him and trust in Him.

David realized that God's divine protection was available for those who have a genuine, reverent relationship with Him. The "angel of the Lord" (Psalm 34:7), encamps around us like a protective army to keep us safe from harm and ultimately deliver us from danger or oppression. God is omnipresent—He is present everywhere. Because this is so, you can never be lost to His Spirit. This is good news to those who know and love God, because no matter what we do or where we go, we can never be far from God's comforting presence (Psalm 139:7).

Daniel's miraculous deliverance from the lions' den (Daniel 6:22), shows that his safety was due to God's intervention through an angel, and that his own innocence and integrity before God and the king were the reasons God protected him in this manner. It shows God's protective power, Daniel's unwavering faith and integrity, and the just cause for which he suffered.

The pillars of fire and cloud (Exodus 13:17-22) were examples of *theophany*—God appearing in a physical form. In this form, God lighted Israel's path, protected them from their enemies, provided reassurance, controlled their movements, and inspired the burning zeal that Israel should have for their God. God made such an appearance also, to encourage his new nation, to guide them, and to prove the reliability of His verbal message. What has He given us so that we can have the same assurance as the children of Israel? **The Bible—something the Israelites did not have**. Look to God's Word for reassurance of His presence. As the Hebrews look to the pillars of cloud and fire, we can look to God's Word day and night to know He is with us, helping us on our journey.

During a terrible storm at sea, an angel from God appeared to Paul to assure him that while the ship and its cargo would be lost, all 276 lives aboard the vessel would be saved (Acts 27:23-24). The message delivered by an angel who stood by Paul, highlights God's sovereignty and faithfulness, offering comfort and hope that God's plans will be fulfilled even in the midst of overwhelming circumstances.

People of God, God is a Protector and in Him we are super-conquerors, and His love will protect us from all evil forces!