



The Protection of Those Who Trust in God.

Psalm 91 – Part 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Ps 91:1

Here we begin an extended look at one of the most comforting Psalms, Psalm 91. In these days of quarantine and questions – not to say anything about general fear, doubt, and worry – it seems appropriate that we look to Almighty God for His guidance, protection, and deliverance.

But as we start, I will remind us all of one of the gifts that God has given us – as He did Adam and Eve – the freedom to choose. Thus, today and every day, we can choose: Seek God and His provision... or not. Trust God or ourselves or others. He doesn't force us to REST, as this verse points out, but it is a superb option.

Verse one of this fantastic Psalm tells us several things.

The first is that not everyone will choose to dwell in God's shelter. Just being a Christian does not mean that you will CHOOSE to dwell in the shelter that God has available and provides for you. It's a choice.

The one who WILL dwell in the comfort of the shadow is the one who recognizes that God loves us and that He has provided protection for His children in a time of difficulty and crisis.

The word “shadow” hints at the comfort from the rugged sun, a protection which would have been familiar – and welcomed – for the part of the world in which the Psalmist lived.

So, imagine that it is summertime, the sun is out, the heat is high and you’re getting sunburned and overheated. Would some shadow, any shadow, be comforting? Would you WANT to rest under a shadow of a tree or rock or something, if you could find it?

Here, God inspired the Psalmist to paint a picture of Almighty God, Yahweh, providing safety and comfort for one who was in danger of heat-stroke, or worse. The Psalm doesn’t ensure safety for everyone, but for those who will trust God and take advantage of this Divine provision. Our Omnipotent God will shield all those who CHOOSE to dwell in Him.

How will God do this, who knows? Perhaps He will call His cherubim to spread their wings and provide shadow for those who are trusting in Him. Whatever the case, God’s protection is sufficient for any circumstance, hot sun, terrible storms, tragedy, coronavirus... whatever. It matters not the difficulty from our perspective. All fall short of God’s power and ability to provide shelter for us.

The choice we have to make is – amid any difficulty – will we trust God, will we turn to Him, and take advantage of His provision for His children? Will we rest in the shadow of the Almighty?

***Prayer: Father God, thank YOU for making a way for me. Thank YOU for providing rest and shelter for me. I wish to take advantage of your provision.
Thank You for loving me that much. Amen.***