



## The Protection of Those Who Trust in God

### Psalm 91 – Part 6

***“A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you. Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked.”*** Psalm 91:7-8 (AMP)

Here, the Psalmist continues to paint a word-picture of the safety of one who “dwells in the shelter of the Most High” and “rests in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Note that these verses do not promise us non-problem life. In fact, not understanding that the fact that we TOO have problems has discouraged some from the faith as they thought – mistakenly – that becoming a Christian guaranteed no problems.

Even our Lord Jesus said: **“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”** (John 16:33)

Thus, the problems we see around us today – CV19 and all the other problems – are symptoms of our living in a broken, sinful world. Keep that in mind. (Also keep in mind: this is NOT heaven; It’s up ahead, but it’s not here, yet!)

And so here Psalm 91:7-8 we see the picture again of a place of safety (the “Secret Place of the Most High”) where we CAN dwell and watch the storm pass by.

Being native Southern Californians, neither my wife, Debbie, nor I have ever lived where there were tornadoes. But we understand – from old timers (and movies) – that a storm shelter, underground, was the class-A way to weather out a tornado IF one passed by. The family would rush outdoors, open the hatch and descend into the shelter and then shut and lock the hatch. Down below, they usually had a few necessities stored away for just such a time. Having a storm-shelter was recognition of the potential need for one and that was, like a good scout, a sign of being prepared.

Keeping the storm-shelter picture in mind, Psalm 91:7-8 seems to paint a similar picture for us who believe in and acknowledge Jesus as Lord. Yes, there will be problems (do you think CV qualifies???) but our almighty, loving, protective Heavenly Father – has a plan to take care of us. Note: Although God DOES love the whole world, these verses seem applicable only to those who acknowledge God and have a real relationship with HIM through accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. In short – these verses speak of protection and comfort only for His children.

***Prayer: Lord, I am thankful to be one of Your children and thankful for You making a way for me to ride-out the storm that we're in. I thank you for that secret place and know that no matter what happens, You are in charge and You will do what is best for me – because you are my Heavenly Father. Thank You! Amen.***