



The

Protection of Those Who Trust in God

Psalm 91 – Part 8

“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.” Psalm 91:11-13

Years ago, Billy Graham wrote a book about angels entitled: [Angels: God’s Secret Messengers](#). What a great title, a beautiful book, and a fantastic provision that God has made available to His children.

I grew up with a picture in my mind of what angels looked like and what they did all day. (Let’s see if you’ve heard the same thing.) I had heard that angels were slightly pudgy, wore white robes, and spent their days playing harps and floating in the clouds. My picture probably came from Sunday School and was well-meaning... but inaccurate.

Picture number two might be of “Clarence” trying to “earn his wings” in the movie: “It’s a Wonderful Life.” Cute, fun... but also inaccurate.

When in Scripture, we read about people coming face to face with an angel, the angels have to say: “Don’t be afraid!” Thus, they must be significant, powerful-looking, and scary. They ARE

created spiritual beings who are sent – as Billy Graham wrote – by God on assignment to minister to God’s Saints (Christians). Hebrews 1:14 *“Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?”* Psalm 34.7 says: *The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.”*

In Psalm 91:11 – ***For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;*** – the Psalmist is assuring we readers that Almighty God will send His angels with special orders to protect and defend us wherever we go.

Psalm 91:12 says: ***they will lift you up in their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.***

Anyone in that age would understand the pain of striking your foot against a stone. Even today, that can immobilize you and, at the very least, make getting around very painful.

Psalm 91:13 continues the protective thoughts with an analogy: ***“You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.”***

Another version says: ***You’ll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet!***

The picture here should be a confidence builder for anyone who reads this Psalm carefully. Besides God offering safety for anyone who **“dwells in the shelter of the Most High”** (91:1), the Lord is furthering His offer to keep His children safe and secure, by reminding them that His angels are there... ready to help, guide and protect.

Prayer: Thank You Lord, for ALL the protection that you offer me. It is abundantly clear that you don’t want me to live in FEAR, but you DO want me to live CLOSE to You and thus enjoy all these benefits. Help me to remember that every day. Amen.