

## Under His Wings

### Psalm 91

There are great promises of salvation in Psalm 91 that comfort and encourage God's people and give them hope in a time of despair.

*The promises in this Psalm do not directly address the issue of salvation from the condemnation of sin, rather, they focus on salvation from the affects of sin in a condemned world.*

**John 3:16–18** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Verses 1 & 2 are a declaration of trust in the Lord

"Right thinking about our trial will determine right behavior in our trial" Rom 5:3; James 1:2; Php 1:20

- *secret place of the Most High* - a covering; a hiding place;
- *shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty* - close presence
- *He is my refuge* - protection and security;
- *and my fortress* - masada; castle; a place of defense

"My God, in Him I will trust"

Is it right or wrong to trust the LORD? Is it wise or unwise to trust the LORD?

Why? God is God. He is all knowing, all powerful, and the source of truth and life.

Make this your thinking! Make this your position statement! Make this your declaration!

Speak these words to yourself because it's what you believe!

We can trust the promise of God to save us from every *trouble* (v. 14–16)

*Trouble* is affliction; distress; a situation or a time of extreme discomfort and uncertainty  
A tight place; It is like being cornered; It is like feeling like the world is caving in around you

- Jacob was in a tight place - **Genesis 35:3**
- The children of Israel were in a tight place - **Isaiah 63:9**  
*Heb 2:18* For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Where do troubles come from?

God poses the question - **Amos 3:6**

God gives the answer - **Isaiah 45:5–7**

**Ecc 7:13–14** Consider the work of God; For who can make straight what He has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, But in the day of adversity consider: Surely God has appointed the one as well as the other, So that man can find out nothing that will come after him.

We can trust God through troubles because He is the only One with complete sovereign control over all troubles!

v. 3 - *the snare of the fowler* - a trap

v. 3 - *perilous pestilence* - plague causing death

v. 5 - *terror by night* - fear of the unknown

v. 5 - *the arrow that flies by day* - the attack of enemies

v. 6 - *pestilence that walks in darkness* - unexpected tragedy and harm

v. 6 - *destruction that lays waste at noonday* - expected dangers and perils

We can trust God through troubles because God will be with us in trouble.

v. 4 - The Lord will provide protection

- The cherubim covering the mercy seat of the ark of the covenant  
**Exo 25:20** And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings
- Like the tender protective care a mother bird gives her chicks  
**Mat 23:37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!  
**Psa 57:1** To the Chief Musician. Set to "Do Not Destroy." a Michtam of David  
**When He Fled from Saul into the Cave. Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.**  
**Psa 17:8** Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,  
*Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!  
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;  
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me.  
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.*
- The protection and security  
**Rth 2:12** The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge."  
*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said—  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*
- God will be true and faithful to His promises -  
His pledge to protect us will be like a shield and armor protecting a soldier  
*Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God.*

Brother and sister, we must examine our lives and hearts when trouble comes.

We must set our heart to trust Him when trouble comes.

Believe God will keep you *under His wings*...