

You Have Nothing to Fear

Psalm 91

¹Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
³Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
⁴He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
⁵You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
⁷A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
⁸You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
⁹If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹²they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."
¹⁵He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

**The _____ we are to God,
the _____ we have to fear.**

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Questions for Reflection & Discussion

1. Read Psalm 91. How does it strike you? What does your reaction to it say about you?
2. How would you summarize the promises Psalm 91 makes to those who are close to God? When have those promises been fulfilled in your life? When have they seem to have been unfulfilled?
3. Do you think you meet the conditions of divine protection in verses 1, 2 and 14? How close to God are you right now? What can you do to move closer?
4. How would you explain Psalm 91 to those who say that sometimes a Christian's life doesn't turn out like this psalm says it will?
5. What other passages of Scripture add dimensions of truth about what we can expect as followers of Jesus? How do those passages harmonize with Psalm 91?