

Psalm 91

The Security and Protection of Trusting in God

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A1 THE CONDITION OF SECURITY AND PROTECTION 91:1-2

B1 (First Voice)¹ **Abiding in the Presence of God:** *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

C1 91:1 NNAS: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C2 Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

B2 (Second Voice) **Making God One's Total Security:** *I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

C1 91:2 NNAS: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,

C2 My God, in whom I trust!"

A2 THE BLESSINGS OF RESTING IN GOD 91:3-8 (First Voice)

B1 **Deliverance from Man and Plague:** *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence.*

C1 From Man: 91:3 NNAS: For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper

C2 From Plague: And from the deadly pestilence.

B2 **Intimate Protection Coming from God and His Character:** *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler.*

C1 91:4 NNAS: He will cover you with His pinions,

C2 And under His wings you may seek refuge;

C3 His faithfulness² is a shield and bulwark.

¹ The voicings are the syntactically-based interpretation of Franz Delitzsch (Keil and Delitzsch), *Commentary on the Old Testament*, V, Psalms 84-150, pp. 60-61.

² 91:4 - faithfulness (*emeth*, 571): More often translated by NASB as *truth*, depending on the context; typically translated by NIV as *faithfulness*.

B3 Freedom from Fear 91:5-6

C1 Of invasion: *Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; [nor] for the arrow [that] flieth by day;*

D1 91:5 NNAS: You will not be afraid of the terror by night,

D2 Or of the arrow that flies by day;

C2 Of disease: *[Nor] for the pestilence [that] walketh in darkness; [nor] for the destruction [that] wasteth at noonday.*

D1 At night: 91:6 NNAS: Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,

D2 In broad daylight: Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.

B4 Miraculous Preservation: *A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; [but] it shall not come nigh thee.*

C1 91:7 NNAS: A thousand may fall at your side

C2 And ten thousand at your right hand,

C3 *But* it shall not approach you.

B5 Viewing the Demise of the Wicked: *Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*

C1 91:8 NNAS: You will only look on with your eyes

C2 And see the recompense of the wicked.

A3 THE BLESSINGS OF MAKING YAHWEH ONE'S HOME: *Because thou hast made the LORD, [which is] my refuge, [even] the most High, thy habitation; (91:9) NNAS: (First Voice - "For You, O Lord, are my refuge") For you have made the LORD, my refuge, (Second Voice) Even the Most High, your dwelling place. 91:9-13*

(Second Voice)

B1 A Safe Dwelling: *There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 91:10*

C1 91:10 NNAS: No evil will befall you,

C2 Nor will any plague come near your tent.

B2 Protection by God's Angels 91:11-12

- C1 God's assignment of the angels: *For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.*
- D1 91:11 NNAS: For He will give His angels charge concerning you,
- D2 To guard you in all your ways.
- C2 The protection of the angels: *They shall bear thee up in [their] hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
- D1 91:12 NNAS: They will bear you up in their hands,
- D2 That you do not strike your foot against a stone.

B3 Protection from Animals: *Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.*

- C1 91:13 NNAS: You will tread upon the lion and cobra,
- C2 The young lion and the serpent you will trample down.

A4 GOD'S PERSONAL PROMISE OF PROTECTION 91:14-16 (Third [Divine] Voice)

B1 Deliverance 91:14

- C1 Because of the believer's love: *Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him:* NNAS: "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him;
- C2 Because of the believer's having known God's name: *I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.* NNAS: I will set him *securely* on high, because he has known My name.

B2 Answer to Prayer 91:15

- C1 Human condition: *He shall call upon me,* NNAS: "He will call upon Me,
- C2 Divine response: *and I will answer him:* NNAS: and I will answer him;
- C3 Divine companionship: *I [will be] with him in trouble;* NNAS: I will be with him in trouble;
- C4 Divine deliverance: *I will deliver him,* NNAS: I will rescue him
- C5 Divine honor: *and honor him.* NNAS: and honor him.

B3 Long life and salvation 91:16

C1 *With long life will I satisfy him,* NNAS: "With a long life I will satisfy him

C2 *and shew him my salvation.* NNAS: "And let him see My salvation."

EXPANDED ANALYSIS OF PSALM 91

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