

PSALM 91

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set tHe who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say[a] to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation" (Psalm 91).

1. When trouble crowds into your life where do you usually turn as a FIRST response? (no canned answers allowed!) How can we help each other practice verse 2 as our first response?
2. Look at the language of verse 3. Write of a trap you have fallen into and how the Lord helped you, or IS helping you escape.

3. The statements of verses 5-13 are spectacular. How did Satan tempt Jesus with these verses (see Luke 4:9-11)? Has Satan ever shamed you into reckless faith?

4. Write out your thoughts about what it means to hold fast to Yahweh in love (v.14). What are some things He is convicting you about as you think about this?

5. God states several things He will do in the lives of those who hold fast to Him in love. Which one especially ministers to you today and why?