

Meditation in Psalm 91

Psa. 91:1,2 - "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of The Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

Dwell= yaw-shab' (Heb.)- remain, settle, marry, abide, continue, tarry, to make one's home, to linger over in thought or speech. (Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon & Webster's Dictionary)

Secret= say'-ther (Heb.)- cover, in a good or bad sense, backbiting, covering, covert, hiding place, protection, secret place. (Strong's Concordance)

Abide= loon or leen- stay, continue, dwell, endure, remain, reside. (Strong's Concordance)

Shadow= tsale- defence, shade (Gesenius); Webster has many definitions, one being: a constant companion; another: one who trails another closely as a spy, or the dark shape cast by something cutting off light.

Refuge= makh-as-eh'- a shelter, hope, (place of) refuge, shelter, trust, protection from danger or difficulty, etc..(Strong's)

Fortress= maw-tsood'- a net, or capture, fastness: castle, defence, fort, (strong)hold, strong place.(Strong's)

Isn't this where you want to live (dwell); in the secret place of the Most High? That's that special place where you come privately and meet God- just you and Him- where you pour out your love to Him and receive His love, and draw close to Him and allow Him to draw close to you (Jas. 4:8). This is how and where you grow strong, spiritually; spending time in His glorious presence: Whether you are meditating in His Word or praising and worshiping Him or just conversing (praying) with Him. (Remember, a conversation, or dialogue, works both ways, otherwise it's a monologue.)

When I think about abiding under the "shadow" of the Almighty, I remember in Acts 5:15, how the people brought the sick and the lame and laid them in the street in hopes that Peter's "shadow" would fall on them, as he passed by, and heal them. WOW! This was through the Holy Spirit working in Peter!

If Peter's "shadow" can cause this to happen, what can we expect from the "shadow" of the Almighty, The Most High God? Can we expect any less? Of course not. We should expect much more!!

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust."

Verse 4 says: "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

Have you ever watched a mother hen when she sensed danger, spread her wings for her chicks to run under? The chicks would huddle up real close for protection and nothing could harm them. They trusted completely, under her wings.

This is how we should trust Father God. We should trust completely under His wings. Nothing can harm us there. Nothing can touch us there, except Him!!! He is in control of all things and, when we are submitted totally to Him, we can rest under His wings and know that all things work together for good to them that love God (Rom. 8:28).

When trials rise against us, we need to run to the shelter of His wings. When things don't seem to go right, don't blame God and run from Him, run to Him. God isn't your problem, He's your answer.

Remember what The Lord told Jehoshaphat through the prophet Jahaziel in II Chron. 20:15:..."the battle is not yours, but God's". And He said in verse 17: "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you..." (KJV)

And in Psa. 91:7 - "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

Verse 11, "For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."

Verses 15,16- "He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Enter into the "secret place" of the Most High, now, while he is near!!!

God bless you!

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