

PSALMS CHAPTER 91

Verse #1 – Key words are: “dwelleth, abide, secret place & shadow”.

Dwell – “To live or be an inhabitant of.”

Abide – “Lodge, live, spend the night (or time with).”

Secret Place – “Hiding place, covering or protection.”

Shadow – “shade, comfort, protection, defense.”

Most High – “Title for God. His supreme ruling over everything.”

Almighty – “El Shaddai” – The God who is more than enough.

This verse signifies complete trust, confidence, refuge. (Psalm 46:1 / Psalm 112:7)

Verse #2 – “I will say of the Lord.”

We need to testify to others about God’s goodness.

Refuge - “A condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger or trouble.”

Fortress – (spiritual meaning) “Just as a fortress brought peace to a city, God is our Fortress and brings peace to our souls in the midst of the chaos happening around us.”

MEANING - "A secured and strong place."

Trust: (definition) - Firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, strength of someone or something."

(Confidence in a person or situation).

Verse #3 - "Surely" (confidentially), He shall (affirmative) deliver thee, similar to Shadrach, Meshack & Abednego, in Daniel 3:17 & 18) Daniel 3:28.

"Snare of the fowler" - means the traps, devices, schemes, tricks, lies of Satan. A fowler is a person who sets traps for birds. Satan is depicted as a fowler in this verse. (See: Isaiah 54:17 / Psalm 124:7 / Proverbs 6:5)

"Noisome Pestilence" In Bible times there was usually one of two reasons why noisy pestilences were happening. 1) God's judgment, against idolatry & disobedience. (Deuteronomy 28:21)

2) Poor Hygiene, not keeping oneself properly clean. (Example: Leprosy. (Leviticus 13:45 & 46)

Verse #4 – Nothing can hurt us when God is our Source above all to protect & defend us.

He, and not anyone else, is qualified.

Shall (affirmative)

Cover thee with His feathers (symbolizes protection)

Under His wings -Ark of Covenant, cherub wings. (Exodus 25:18-20. Matt. 23:37)

Truth – John 17:17

Shield – Ephesians 6:16 Larger piece to cover much of the soldier's body. (Proverbs 30:5 / Psalm 5:11 & 12)

Buckler – Small shield, often worn on a forearm.

God is a strong & sure defense. (Psalm 35:2-5)

Shield is used for defensive purposes.

Buckler is used for offensive purposes.

The word of God is what you use to defend yourself and also to be used as a weapon against the enemy of your soul.

(Example: Jesus being tempted by Satan. Matt. 4:4;7;10 / Heb. 4:12)

Verse #5 - NOT BE AFRAID – JJ Timothy 1:7 / Jsaiah 41:10 & 13.

"terror by night/ nor for the arrow that flieth by day."

Simple translation is : One shall be kept from secret (night) or open (daytime) dangers. Even if one does experience an attack, remember this verse in Matthew 19:28. (read it)

See: Luke 12:5

People in hell can feel torment.

See: Luke 16:23-25 (torment)

Luke 16:23 & 24 – To speak & tongue cooled.

Possibly the spirits in hell take on some of the characteristics of the body that it formerly inhabited.

Our resurrection body will be different & eternal whether it is in heaven or hell.

Verse #6 – Could “pestilence” possibly be biological warfare?

Remember: Nothing happens to us without God’s approval. God is never surprised. God is all-knowing.

Trusting in God does not mean absolutely every time, being kept from situations of concern. It does mean we are trusting God through the trial, difficulty and test to keep us calm, trusting Him completely to help us and deliver us.

(Give 911 example & Titanic example)

Verse #7 – Read Psalm 91:7 / Psalm 37:25

Cross References: Exodus 12:12 & 13/ Joshua 14:10 / Numbers 14:37 & 38 / Genesis 7:23 / Psalm 32:6 / Isaiah 43:2.

What happens if a godly person seems to die premature?

(See: Isaiah 57:1)

NOTE! Take this verse personal for you, for God to protect you, but if you are taken, don't fear, remember Isaiah 57:1 and also as a Christian, our very being IS in His hands. IT IS GOD'S GRACE, GOD'S WILL. (See: Psalm 90:1)

Verse #8 – Those who trust and are truly saved will escape The Great White Throne Judgment mentioned in Revelation 20:11- 15, but may (the word is may) see the "reward" (punishment) of the wicked.

Not accepting God's only way to heaven brings eternal emanation & disaster. (Proverbs 1:7 / Proverbs 9:10)

NOTE: If not in this earthly life, but in the next (eternal heavenly life), we will realize who made it to heaven and who did not. Could it be that verse in Revelation 21:4? For the believer, there will be

given out 5 crowns of reward (even though we'll turn around & lay them at His feet. (Revelation 4:10 & 11)

Verses of rewards to those who serve Him:

Matt. 5:12 / 1 Cor. 3:14 / Rev. 22:12

FIVE CROWNS OF REWARD ARE:

- 1) Crown of Life (Martyr's crown) – James 1:12**
- 2) Incorruptible Crown (Victor's crown) – 1 Cor. 9:24 & 25**
Ability to say "NO", disciplined life.
- 3) Crown of Righteousness (Longing for heaven) – 1 Tim. 4:8**
- 4) Crown of Glory (Leadership crown: Pastor's, Elders, Deacons, Sunday School Teachers, Ministry team of leaders, etc.) – 1 Peter 5:4**
- 5) Crown of Rejoicing (Soul Winner's crown) 1 Thess.2:19**
Proverbs 11:30

READ: Philippians 3:13 & 14 / Philippians 3:7 / 1 Cor. 15:58.

Verse #9 & Verse #10 – Matthew 6:33 / Psalm 46:1 / Psalm Chapter One & Joshua 1:7-9.

These verses #9 & #10 combined are very similar to verses #1 & #2.

In other words, we can be SUSTAINED THROUGH THE TRIALS and God can even deliver and protect us.

DANIEL 3:28 is again a reminder of the 3 Hebrew young men.

See: Matthew 10:28 / James 2:26 / Genesis 35:18 / Acts 7:59 / Lev. 17:11 / Luke 23:46

Jairus daughter raised from the dead.

Luke 8:55 / 1 Cor. 15:44

Interesting verse to notice: Luke 24:39.

Jesus new resurrection body.

Verse #11 – Satan tried to twist scripture in the temptations of Jesus recorded in Matthew 4: 5 & 6. (Deut. 6:16)

Jesus VOLUNTARILY gave His life on the cross (Ro 5:8/ 1 Cor. 15:3/ Gal. 1:4). Like the song, "He Could Have Called Ten Thousand Angels" (Matt. 26:53), but He DIDN'T!

See: Hebrews 1:14 – "ministering spirits sent out TO SERVE for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation."

Christians who love God and seek Him first can trust God for His protection and needs because NOTHING can happen without God's approval. Mind boggling to ponder, but true!

VERSES ON GOD'S OMNISCIENCE:

***Psalm 147:5 / J John 3:20 / Psalm 139:4 / Matt. 10:30 /
Psalm 147:4 / Hebrews 4:13 / Psalm 44:21 / J Kings 8:39/ Acts
1:24.***

****OMNISCIENCE* means : "ALL KNOWING".***

Omni - All / Science – Knowledge

***The exact word is not found in the Bible, but many verses on
how God is all knowing, etc.***

***Jude 1:24 & 25 explains how He will be able to "keep you from
falling."***

Verse #12 – DIVINE PROTECTION

***How many times have you and J been spared from accidents
and incidents because God sent His guardian angels to protect
us?***

***See: Js. 43:2 / Ps. 46:1 / Ps. 121:7 & 8 / Ps. 32:7 / Js 54:17 / Ps.
59:16 / Ps. 118:6.***

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**Verse #13 – This verse is saying that God has given you His power and authority. See: Matt. 16:19 / Luke 10:19 (snake protection)
Ex: Paul in Acts 28:1-6. We are NOT to tempt or tease God by playing with poisonous snakes, etc. on purpose, though.**

NOTE: This comment by Matthew Henry – “His promise is that He will, in due time, deliver the believer OUT of trouble, and in the mean time be with him IN trouble. (Hebrews 13:5)

Verse #14 – Speaks of promises & blessings from the Lord, because the Christian trusts in Him.

LOVE in this verse means DELIGHT or spiritual hunger or longing for.

This is self – sacrificing love like John 21:16 / John 3:16 / Romans 5:8. This is AGAPE LOVE. (Matt. 22:37 / J John 4:1`9.

Set on high isn't necessarily fame & fortune in this life, but VICTORY OVER EVIL. Ex. 14:14. If not in this life, in the eternal, heavenly life to come. (Matt. 25:23)

Verse #15 & #16 – Very similar to Jeremiah 33:3..

God doesn't promise to keep us OUT of trouble (John 16:33), but to be with us JN the negative situations we face in this earthly life. (See: Ro. 8:28)

Call on Him & He will eventually answer. (Psalm 50:15)

NOTES FROM Mac LAREN'S EXPOSITIONS:

Falls into 3 Categories: (Psalm 91:15)

- 1) SUPPLIANT – "He shall call upon Me & I will answer him."**
- 2) DISTRESSED – "I will be with him in trouble..."**
- 3) MORTAL - "With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation." (verse #16)**

Verse #16 – We should be satisfied to live and content to die.

Philippians 1:21 – "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

God wants us to live a satisfied life. He wants us to be HAPPY JN HJM, not miserable in this world. The world offers NOTHING ETERNAL or lasting. Our joy :) and peace and contentment should be JN THE LORD!

Longevity Verses: Ex. 20:2 / Gen. 25:8 / Psalm Chapter 3

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