

You're in Good Hands

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Living with God's Loving Assurance

Psalm 91:1-8, 11-16

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The great thing, and the only thing, is to adore and praise God. Thomas Merton

Unifying Principle: People often live in fear that misfortune will befall them. Where can we find protection from danger? The psalmist looks to God for protection in the midst of life's calamities.

Let's Learn Some Hebrew

Psalm 91:1-8

Draw near-live in God's presence: (1-2)

- a. Because of who He is: (1) *To dwell* means to remain, stay.
 - 1) The Most High: (1) He is the Highest, the Supreme Being.
 - 2) The Almighty: He is sufficient for everything we need.
 - 3) The Lord: He keeps all of His promises always.
 - 4) Your God: He knows us, and cares for us individually and personally.
- b. Because He is your security in all things: Your refuge and fortress, (2) *A refuge* is a shelter from trouble. *A fortress* is a safe, secure place that is inaccessible to the enemy.

Believe God-trust Him to help you: (3-8)

- a. He will save you from the foe's trap and from the fatal plague. (3) The *snare of the fowler* and the *noisome or deadly pestilence* represent all of the dangers we face in life.
- b. He will cover and protect you under His wings of care. (4) He will be a refuge for you. He will give you the armor of His faithful promise. The *shield* was a large rectangular piece of armor that a soldier would hide behind and be completely covered. The *buckler* refers to the smaller, handheld shield used in close combat.
- c. He will reassure you thorough all fearful situations. (5-8)
 - 1) In times of terror or attack. (5)
 - 2) In times of disease and destruction. (6)
 - 3) In times of inescapable danger. (7)
- d. He will make sure you escape and witness the punishment of the wicked. (8) God's judgment is in view. At the time of His choosing, He will punish the wicked, but the righteous will escape.

Keep on Keeping on

Psalm 91:11-16

- a. Then He will charge His angels to guard you day by day. (11-12)

- 1) They will protect you. (11) *In all thy ways* means that they watch over us as we go about our daily lives.
- 2) They will lift you up and guide you. (12) They lift us up, protecting us and guiding us away from danger.
- b. Then He will make you victorious over the lion and the serpent: The images of Satan. (13)

Cling to the Lord: (14-16) He personally assures that He will honor and reward the faithful person who sets his love on Him.

- c. Love and acknowledge Him: (14) The Lord promised to faithfully care for the person who is devoted to Him and knows His name. *Set on high* can mean either to put in a protected, inaccessible place or to exalt.
- d. Call upon Him and He will answer you. (15-16)
 - 1) Be with you in trouble. (15)
 - 2) Deliver and honor you.
 - 3) Reward you with a long life. (16)
 - 4) Give you His salvation.

Principle: In the many circumstances of life, we must learn to put our trust in God. The Lord is our security, our only sure shield and shelter from all harm.

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