

PSALM 91

Almost 100 years ago, during World War I, the 91st Infantry Brigade of the U. S. Expeditionary Army was preparing to enter combat in Europe. Because their commander was a devout Christian, he assembled his men and gave each of them a little card on which was printed the 91st Psalm, the same number Psalm as their brigade. They agreed to recite that Psalm daily. After they had begun praying the Psalm, the 91st Brigade was engaged in three of the bloodiest battles of World War I - Chateau Thierry, Belle Wood and the Argonne. Other American units that fought in the same battles had up to 90 percent casualties, but the 91st Brigade did not suffer a single combat-related casualty.

We live in uncertain times, but God promised that He will be our refuge, our shelter from the storm. The devil can't find us in God's hiding place. When God's judgment hit the earth and it was destroyed by a flood God hid Noah and his family away in an ark. God also has prepared a hiding place for us and this place is called "In Christ". In Him we are safe and the enemy can't get at us. The bible says that our life is hidden with Christ in God, Col, 3:3. The safest place to be is in the will of God.

God makes 7 promises for those who love him and have made him their place of refuge: Psalm 91: 14-16

1. I will deliver you! Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me, Psalm 50:15. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles, Psalm 34:6. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all, Psalm 34:19. The name of Jesus means Savior and whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost. Jesus is your Savior. He hears the faintest whisper and comes to your rescue. He sends his angels to deliver you. Peter was delivered by an angel from prison and his life was spared. An angel protected Daniel from the lions. Angels are ministering spirits to deliver those who are heirs of salvation, Hebr. 1:14.

2. I will protect you because you know my name! The Name of Jesus is our protection. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you, Verse 7. I will say to the Lord: My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust. Jesus becomes to you whatever you call him.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe", Prov. 18:10. I am in Jesus, and Jesus is in God. This is a safe place.

3. I will answer you! Call upon me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known, Jer. 33:3. The Lord is near to all, who call on him...he also hears their cry and saves them, Psalm 145:18-20. God hears and answers prayer. Ask boldly and expect to receive!

4. I will be with you in trouble! "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul" Acts 27:23. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble, Psalm 46:1. Not only do Gods angels help us, but God also gave us the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, our Standby. The Holy Spirit will help us and show us a way of escape if we ask him and listen to him.

5. I will honor you! Jesus said: If any man serves me, him will my Father honor, John 12:26. We honor God if we listen and obey his word. We honor the Holy Spirit if we give him the right of way and don't resist him. If we are ashamed of the word of God and of the Holy Spirit Jesus will deny us before the father and the angels in heaven.

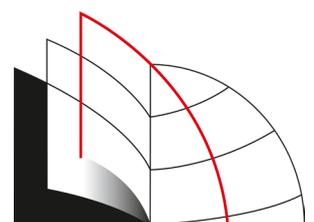
6. I will satisfy you with long life! The first commandment with promise is: Honor your father and mother that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth, Eph. 6:2-3. God's will is that we live a long, good life until we are satisfied. Someone said: I did not honor father and mother and they are already dead. Do I have to die early? No because God is a forgiving God, if we ask for it.

7. I will show you my salvation! Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God, Matt. 5:8. Jesus said to her: Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God, John 11:40. God wants to show us his glory and He wants to give this world a demonstration of his power and his glory. God promised Moses that he will show him his glory because Moses found favor with God and God knew him by name, Exodus 33:17. We also have obtained favor with God through faith in Jesus and He knows us by name and will show us his glory. We are living in the last days and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea, Hab. 2:14.

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