

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

MY GOD IN HIM WILL I TRUST

PSALMS 91

Text: Psalms 91:2

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Introduction:

The Golden Gate Bridge, located at the entrance of San Francisco Bay, is one of the largest and most spectacular suspension bridges in the world, spanning 8,981 feet through midair.

When this world-famous bridge was being constructed, several workmen lost their lives, falling from precariously high positions, two hundred feet above the waters.

Consequently, the work was constantly behind schedule. That is, until someone hit upon the idea of building a safety net directly under the construction area. Then, with such security in place, any workman who fell would not tumble to his death but would be caught by the net.

So a giant safety net was made of stout, sturdy cord and swung under the construction work—the first time in the history of major construction that such a net was used. The cost for the net was one hundred thousand dollars, a staggering figure in those postdepression years. But the effect was both immediate and noticeable. The work suddenly proceeded at a much faster rate because the workmen knew that if they did slip, the net would catch them and their lives would be spared.

This was the same effect God had upon the psalmist, as recorded here in Psalm 91.

The psalmist security was not beneath him; it was above him.

God himself was his security, the one who would protect him from the harm that surrounded him.

He would rest under the shadow of the Almighty as God, the Most High, would be his refuge and fortress.

Under this security—an incomparably sovereign security—the psalmist could move forward in his life with great confidence and efficiency.

This psalm vividly describes God's continuously sovereign protection of his people from their many threatening dangers and alarming terrors.

In reading these verses, believers are encouraged to trust God, knowing that nothing can harm a child of God unless the Lord himself permits it.

1. FAITH IN A POWERFUL GOD (VSS. 1-2)

A. He Lives in the Lord's Presence (1)

Psalm 91:1-2

¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

- I dwell in God's shelter (1a)
- I Rest in God's shadow (1b)

B. He Trusts in the Lord's Protection (2)

- He is my refuge
- He is my fortress
- He is my God

2. FAVOR FROM A PROTECTING GOD (VSS. 3-13)

A. God Will Save You (3)

Psalm 91:3

³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

- From the fowler's snare (3a)
- From the deadly pestilence (3b)

B. God Will Shield You (4a, b)

Psalm 91:4

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

- With his feathers (4a)
- Under his wings (4b)

C. God Will Safeguard You (4c)

Psalm 91:4

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

- Like a shield (4c)
- Like a rampart (4c)

D. God Will Shelter You (5-6)

Psalm 91:5-6

⁵ Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

- Not to fear the terror (5a)
- Not to fear the arrow (5b)
- Not to fear the pestilence (6a)
- Not to fear the plague (6b)

E. God Will Sustain You (7-10)

Psalm 91:7-10

⁷ A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. ⁸ Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. ⁹ Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; ¹⁰ There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

- You will escape disaster (7)
- You will only observe disaster (8)
- You will escape the harm (9-10)

F. God Will Secure You (11-12)

Psalm 91:11-12

¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. ¹² They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

- His angels will protect you (11)
- His angels will lift you up (12)

G. God Will Strengthen You (13)

Psalm 91:13

¹³ Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

- To tread upon the lion (13a)
- To tread upon the cobra (13a)
- To trample the great lion (13b)
- To trample the serpent (13b)

3. FELLOWSHIP WITH A PERSONAL GOD (14-16)

A. He Enjoys a Loving Relationship with God (14)

Psalm 91:14

¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

- He loves God (14a)
- God will rescue him (14b)
- God will protect him (14c)
- He acknowledges God (14d)

B. He Enjoys a Living Relationship with God (15-16)

Psalm 91:15-16

¹⁵ *He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.*

¹⁶ *With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.*

- He calls upon God (15a)
- God will answer him (15b)
- God will be with him (15c)
- God will deliver him (15d)
- God will honor him (15d)
- God will satisfy him (16a)
- God will save him (16b)