

GOD'S CARE OF HIS PEOPLE

Psalm 91:1-16.

LESSON 83 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: “For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways” (Psalm 91:11).

BIBLE TEXT

Psalm 91:1-16

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

NOTES

God's Promises

The Bible, God's Holy Word, contains a great many promises to the child of God. We have Jesus' own words that "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). So we know without a doubt that all the promises in the Bible are true. However, we have something to do in order to receive the good things the Lord has promised. Did your mother or father ever promise you something good if you obeyed what was told you to do? God's promises are often that way – He will give us many, many good things if we do the things He wants us to do.

A Christian does not have a hard time obeying the words of Jesus; a child who is saved does not have a hard time obeying his parents. But those who are not saved cannot easily obey the Lord and it is hard for them to be obedient to their parents, too. Jesus wants to save every child. Then it is easy for them to do what God wants them to do.

In the first verse of the Ninety-First Psalm we find a promise to those who live very near to God. In order to dwell there, we must be saved from our sin – the Blood of Jesus must cover our soul. Then we need to pray every day, morning and night, in order to keep saved from sin. If we keep saved, we may expect to be taken care of by God. We may take a pencil and write our name wherever we find the words, thee, thou, thy and

thine, in this chapter. All those wonderful promises are for us if we dwell in the secret place – if we keep saved.

The Shadow of His Wings

The man who wrote this Psalm gave us many beautiful pictures of God's care over us. When he said, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust," he perhaps meant what Jesus said when He talked about gathering people as a hen gathers her chickens. The baby chicks feel safe when the mother hen takes them under her feathers; a Christian is safe when God takes care of him.

No Fear

God said that His children did not need to be afraid at night nor in the daytime, because He would protect them if they trusted Him. We have learned that when the people were travelling through the wilderness, where there was little water, God brought water out of the rock. He sent them bread from Heaven, that they called manna. He went before them in a pillar of fire at night and in a cloud by day. God protected them from going the wrong way at night and protected them from the heat of the day in that land – the cloud kept the hot desert sun from shining too much on the people.

We who are saved have nothing whatever to fear. We may place our trust in God and know that He will never fail us. Should trouble come, He promises: "I will be with him in trouble." We are told that when sickness comes, "Thou shalt not be afraid . . . for the pestilence." He also promises that "there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." When we love Jesus with all our heart, His love and watchful eye is over us.

In Time of Danger

During the recent war, the soldier boys who were trusting in God found that He was their protection when in danger. The Lord took care of them and brought many of them safely home again. They are thanking God for His kindness to them.

A young soldier who flew 35 times over enemy country said that the boys in his crew gave him a Bible to take care of on those missions. He had the Bible open to Psalm 91, and he trusted in God's promises to protect him and the crew. He said, "When you face death, and your life can be snapped out in a moment of time, you want to be living mighty close to God. . . . Many times we saw ships go down around us." The seventh verse tells us: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh thee." This chapter was a great comfort to him. He also said, "One day we were going over the target and my pilot called back over the phones and said, 'Pray as you never prayed before.' We saw a ship go down in front of us that day. I can see many times that the Lord's hand was over us. I can't count the times He protected us."

Jesus' Temptation

When Jesus was here upon earth, He was led by the Spirit one day into a lonely place to be tempted of the devil – Satan. He was there for forty days and forty nights and had nothing to eat. But the angels were watching over Jesus, and they came to Him at once after He had sent Satan away. Satan had to go when Jesus told him to go, because Jesus has power over all evil spirits. We do not need to be afraid of Satan when we have Jesus with us.

Divine Protection

Many times when we are in danger although we may not see the angel of the Lord yet he is present to protect us. A missionary said that in India the little unsaved children are always afraid in the dark. The missionary told them that they need not be afraid if they asked Jesus to take care of them. She said that Jesus was so strong

that if a whole army of people should try to hurt one of them, all Jesus would have to say was, “Stop,” and the whole army would have to stand still. A week later one of those children who had never before heard about Jesus said: “I went to grandmother’s house and it was dark when I came home. Then I asked that ‘Jesus-God’ to take care of me, and nothing hurt me at all.” Jesus is stronger than anyone, and when we obey Him, and trust Him, and ask Him to take care of us, He can do it, and will do it.

QUESTIONS

1. Name three ways in which God will protect us. Psalm 91:3, 4, 12.
2. Do we need to fear when sickness comes to us? Psalm 91:3, 6, 15.
3. Tell how the angels watch over us. Psalm 91:11; 34:7.
4. Will God answer when we call upon Him? Psalm 91:15; Jeremiah 33:3.
5. What will God do for us when we are in trouble? Psalm 91:15; 50:15.

LESSON RESOURCES

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Angels Watching Over Me

WATCH AND PRAY 13

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Angels Watching Over Me

Now I lay me down to sleep

Angels watching over me, my Lord,

Pray the Lord my soul to keep

Angels watching over me

All day, all night

Angels watching over me, my Lord

All day, all night

Angels watching over me.

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3

