

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What prerequisite is required of man to say the Lord is my refuge and my fortress?
2. Will God always deliver us from the snare of the fowler?
3. How can we apply the promises contained in Psalm 91 to us as Christians today?
4. Are there any limitations to God's many promises? If yes, how might they be limited?

### SUMMARY:

The psalmist gives us a lesson of great and wondrous promises of God given to people who meet certain qualifications, namely: dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, making God their refuge, setting their love on Jesus, and calling upon Him. To these God gives testimony of His great love and assurance of His care and protection.

In order to be assured of these blessings, we must come out of this world and be separate and dwell in the secret place of the Most High living in close communion with Him. Then all promises that God has made shall be ours.

### NOTES:

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Reminder: any lesson text tagged with [\[SoF:nn\]](#) refers to item(s) #nn listed on our **Statement of Faith**. Teachers are encouraged as they lead discussions to emphasize ideas pertaining to our faith's profession. It is always a blessing to review how Biblically-based beliefs impact our lives, especially for new Christian believers or sincere seekers of truth.

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #11

September 10, 2023

Third Quarter

### GOD'S CARE FOR US

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Psalm 91:1-16*

**LESSON SETTING:** (?)

**TIME:** (?)

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**I. THE SECRET OF GODLINESS.** Psalm 91:1-4

- A. A Divine Hiding Place (vs. 1) Psalm 27:5; 32:7
- B. Overshadowing of God (vs. 1) Psalm 51:1; Isaiah 25:4; 2 Timothy 1:12
- C. God a Refuge (vs. 2) Psalm 46:1; Proverbs 14:26
- D. God a Shield (vs. 4) Psalm 33:20; Proverbs 30:5

**II. THE DELIVERANCE FROM FEAR.** Psalm 91:5-8

- A. Security (vs. 5) Proverbs 3:24; Hebrews 13:6
- B. Immunity (vs. 7) Exodus 15:26; Mark 16:18
- C. Overcoming Power - 2 Timothy 1:7

**III. THE PROTECTION FROM EVIL.** Psalm 91:9-16

- A. Divine Protection (vs. 9-10) 2 Chronicles 16:9; Psalm 34:7
- B. Angels to Watch (vs. 11-12) Mark 1:13; Acts 27:23; Hebrews 1:14
- C. Divine Presence (vs. 15) Exodus 33:14; Matthew 18:20; 28:20
- D. Promise of Salvation (vs. 16) Mark 16:16; Luke 19:9; Acts 16:31

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS: MY GOD; IN HIM WILL I TRUST.* Psalm 91:2

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Psalm 107:1-43

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Genesis 32:9-10; Matthew 8:5-13;  
Ephesians 2:4-7

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Early Life of David

**TOPIC:** GOD'S GOODNESS

**INTRODUCTION:**

The Children of Israel, called to be God's chosen people, so often forgot God's mercy toward them. They experienced His power in bringing them out of Egypt and how He had passed over the houses of those who had believed His promise. Yet when they reached the sea and saw the Egyptians following them they failed to trust. Even in their unbelief the faith of their leader, Moses, turned aside the wrath of God and He spared them, not only on this occasion but on many other occasions also. "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble and He delivered them out of their distresses." We, too, when we cry unto Him, will find that He will deliver us.

We notice that the things spoken of in the beginning of the Psalms were written in the past tense, things that had already happened (vs. 6, 13). But when the psalmist speaks of the justice of God and also of His mercy, it is not in the past tense, but the present tense. Men, because of rebellion and transgression, come unto the judgment of God, but when they cry unto Him (vs. 19 and 28) He heals and delivers. What a precious word of assurance and hope for one who realized the separation that sin has created, to know that it is possible to come into fellowship with God.

After so much rebellion and murmuring, yet through repentance, God did deliver the children of Israel into the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. We, too, through repentance and dedication of our lives to Him are led into the wondrous providence of God. He doesn't promise a path of roses on this earth, but He does promise His nearness and that He will supply all our needs. Let us praise the Lord for His goodness.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** To those who live close to Him, God gives deliverance from fear and victory over every enemy.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN!*  
Psalm 107:8

It seems that the psalmist realized that men were prone to forget, or perhaps even refuse to acknowledge God's goodness. In this psalm, he reminds every one of the gracious goodness of God. He reminds how often men came into dire circumstance and only then would they call upon God. In His love He would overlook their inconsistencies and would deliver them. For a time they would remember His goodness and serve Him, but soon would depart again into a way of forgetfulness and sin.

Today too, it seems that people wait until they are in dire need of God's help before they turn to Him. There is more dependence upon men and the strength of the flesh until this proves its utter failure and then only is there a turning to Him, almost as a last resort. The psalmist was so burdened that he repeated four times in this psalm the need for men to praise God. Let us never forget this.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 11 – 17**

- Mon. \*Help for the Traveler. Psalm 107:1-9
- Tue. \*Help for the Captive. Psalm 107:10-16
- Wed. \*Help for the Sick. Psalm 107:17-22
- Tue. \*Help for the Seaman. Psalm 107:23-32
- Fri. \*Help for God's People. Psalm 107:33-43
- Sat. The Greatness of God's Mercy. Psalm 108:1-13
- Sun. The Greatness of God's Goodness. Psalm 112:1-10

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