

Psalm 91:1-4
WE DWELL IN THE SECRET PLACE

- I. The safe place.
 - A. This statement declares that the believer has a “secret place,” a hiding place, a place of shelter from pursuers.
 - 1. It is “secret” because it is unknown to the earthly eye and to the unbeliever/sin (Isa. 57:20,21).
 - 2. It is likely that Moses was thinking of the Holy of Holies, where God dwelt in the midst of His people (Ps. 27:5; Ez. 7:22).
 - 3. Therefore to live in Jesus Christ by His sacrifice is to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.
 - B. Equally expressive of intimate nearness is “the shadow of the Almighty” and the “Most High.”
 - 1. To have the shadow of a companion fall on you, you must walk very close to him/her.
 - 2. Moses declares that the nearness we have to the Most High is that we are as covered with His feather and under His wings.
- II. Safety when?
 - A. Notice that your text is a statement of fact. It is a shout of joyful security in the midst of darkness or trouble.
 - B. This statement of fact arises from a sense of a great need on the part of Moses.
 - 1. Moses had to face a mighty Pharaoh who was very ungodly, who had no need to see or listen to Moses.
 - 2. We also need a place of shelter.
 - C. When we dwell (abide) in the Most High’s secret shelter in Christ, then we know that the Almighty (Shaddai) is there!
 - D. Because God knows us and loves us, He reminds us that we are in His shelter, in His refuge. We are covered by His wings.
- III. Safety for whom? You are able to say, “I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust” (2).
 - A. It is principally Jesus Himself Who speaks here (remember that Satan applied verses 11,12 to Jesus).
 - B. The Hebrew has the believer saying this TO Jehovah.
 - C. The truth that Jehovah is always near is our shield and buckler, providing protection in every way from every enemy.
 - D. This is the confident confession of the people of His love and friendship.