

1  **PROTECTING YOUR HOME**

PSALM 91 – PART 5

2  **REVIEW**

- State of Safety
- Spectators of Calamity
- Safe Dwelling
- Serving Angels
- Strong Confidence
- And now... a Sure Promise

3  **A SURE PROMISE**

Psalm 91:14-16

The last words in the psalm are not spoken to God but are spoken by God to us

4  **PSALM 91**

*He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, And from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, And under his wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

5  **PSALM 91**

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; But it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold And see the reward of the wicked.*

6  **PSALM 91**

*Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, Even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.*

7  **PSALM 91**

*Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. 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 shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him, And shew him my salvation.*

8  **PRAYER & RESPONSE**

- Psalm 91:3-13 is a prayer (probably of Moses – cf. Psalm 90, 95:8-11)
- Psalm 91:14-16 is the response from God – probably spoken through an oracle.
  - Addressed to the person devoted to the Lord
- A messianic psalm

9  **THE BEAUTY OF THIS PASSAGE**

- We should always encourage one another to remember that God is faithful.
- But in this passage (Psalm 91:14-16), God Himself encourages our hearts!

#### 10 **THE COVENANT-MAKER**

- God Himself makes the guarantee in the closing verses of Psalm 91
- A promise is only as good as the one who makes the promise
- God never fails
- God never forsakes

#### 11 **PSALM 18:2**

- LEB -- *Yahweh is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I have taken refuge, my shield and the horn of my deliverance, my stronghold.*
- KJV -- *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.*

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#### 12 **CONDITIONAL PROMISE**

- 91:14 (KJV) -- *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.*
- 91:14 (LEB) -- *Because he loves me, therefore I will deliver him; I will protect him because he knows my name.*
- Could be translated as "I will save and protect those who love me and know me."

#### 13 **THE TWO CONDITIONS**

#### 14 **HE "CLEAVES TO ME IN LOVE."**

- God moved to act because He is a Father whose urge to protect is made strong by the child who clutches His hand in times of fear
- Love here signifies a deep long and desire for the Lord that is accompanied by an unwavering commitment to Him.

#### 15 **GOD'S COMMITTED LOVE**

- Our love for God must be motivated by His love for us
- Deuteronomy 7:7-8 -- *The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

#### 16 **DEUTERONOMY 10:15**

- *Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.*
- We should likewise have a delight in God to love Him wholeheartedly

#### 17 **HE "KNOWS MY NAME."**

- To know someone's name means to know their character. God's character never disappoints us.

#### 18 **THE BLESSINGS OF INTIMACY**

*For those of us who experience so much brokenness in this world, Psalm 91 can either be a mockery or a call and a hope. If we long for and desire greatly to be intimate with God, He promises to be intimate with us. The road to intimacy lies in self-disclosure (John Wimber). As we disclose ourselves to God, He will disclose Himself to us, and Satan will be locked out of our hearts as God's kingdom reigns there. This is what it means to dwell in the secret place, to be hidden and covered by the Almighty.*

- Williams, Donald, and Lloyd J. Ogilvie. . Vol. 14. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Inc, 1989. Print. The Preachers Commentary Series.

#### 19 **KNOWING GOD'S NAME**

- Psalm 20:1 -- *The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; The name of the God of Jacob defend thee;*
- Psalm 148:13 -- *Let them praise the name of the LORD: For his name alone is excellent; His glory is above the earth and heaven.*

#### 20 **WHAT'S IN A NAME?**

#### 21 **ELOHIM**

- Used over 2700 times in the Bible.
- It means "*the one who is great, mighty, and dreadful.*"
  - Occurs in Genesis 1 thirty-two times.
  - In Hebrew, words are either singular, dual (two) or plural (three or more). Elohim means that God is three persons.
- Elohim is the name by which covenants were instituted.

#### 22 **ELOHIM, THE CREATOR**

- Elohim means God (Gen. 1:1; Psalm 19:1)
- *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
- Speaks of God's power and might. The only supreme true God.

#### 23 **EL SHADDAI**

- 48 times in O.T.
- *The one who is mighty to completely nourish, satisfy, and supply us.*
  - The breastfed one. Humans only animal to have to hold young close to them when nursing.
  - We are ALL dependent upon the Almighty – even to teach us how to get what we need.
- Genesis 17:1 -- to initiate covenant with Abraham.

#### 24 **EL SHADDAI (2)**

- El Shaddai means the Almighty God (Gen. 17:1) -- *When Abram was ninety nine years old the Lord appeared to him and said, I am God Almighty walk before me and be blameless. I will confirm my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.*

#### 25 **EL ELYON**

- Means "The most high God" (Genesis 14:17, 20; Psalm 7:17)
  - *I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.*
  - Speaks of the fact that He is above all other gods; nothing is more sacred than Him.

26  **EL ROI**

- Means *the God who sees*
- Genesis 16:13 -- *You are the God who sees me, for Hagar said, I have now seen the One who sees me.*

27  **EL OLAM**

- *The Everlasting (Eternal) God*
- Isaiah 40:28, 31 -- *The Lord is the everlasting God the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and young men stumble and fall. But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow tired, they will urn and not grow weary and they will walk and not be faint.*

28  **ADONAI**

- "Lord" -- Usually occurs in plural when referring to God.
  - God owns it all
  - We are His stewards
- Isaiah 6 -- The one who reigns.
- Deut. 6:4 -- *Hear O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."*

29  **JEHOVAH (YHWH)**

- Exodus 3:14 -- Eternally self existent and self sufficient.
- It is the name used of God as He reveals Himself to man through a covenant.
- Exodus 2:3 -- *I am the LORD, I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the Lord I did not make myself known to them*

30  **JEHOVAH-JIREH**

- Genesis 22:14 -- *"The LORD provides." "Provide" means "to see before." God knows our every need in advance.*
- Genesis 22:13,14 -- *Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place the Lord will Provide.*

31  **JEHOVAH-ROPHE**

- Exodus 15:26 -- Name given by God Himself to Himself.
  - After bitter waters of Marah.
- *The LORD who heals.*

32  **JEHOVAH-NISSI**

- Exodus 17:15 -- God prevailed in battle against the Amalekites as Moses prayed.
- God is "The Standard" to which all men must gather and behind which all men must march.
- Jehovah Nissi means *the Lord is My Banner, My Victory*

33  **JEHOVAH-NISSI**

- Exodus 17:15 *"Moses built an altar and called it the Lord is my Banner. He said, For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from*

*generation to generation."*

- We should remember God for helping us gain the victory

#### 34 **JEHOVAH M'KADDESH**

- Leviticus 20:7 -- *The LORD who makes you holy.*
- Thank God! This name follows the command to be holy. This can only happen through Him.

#### 35 **JEHOVAH SHALOM**

- Judges 6:24
  - The nation suffered from war because they had not kept God's law. An angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon to appoint him to be a redeemer for Israel. Gideon was unsure. So he went to get a sacrifice to offer to the Lord.
  - He wanted to see in what manner the sacrifice was accepted so he would know if it was really God.

#### 36 **JEHOVAH SHALOM (2)**

- The angel touched it with a rod and it was consumed by fire.
- Gideon was frightened but the Lord said, *Peace, Do not be afraid, You are not going to die!*
- Gideon replied, *Jehovah shalom.* He recognized that *the LORD is peace.*

#### 37 **JEHOVAH ROHI**

- Psalm 23:1 -- *The LORD is my shepherd.*
  - Guidance
  - Feeding
  - Protection
  - Mercy
- Revelation 7:17 -- *For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their Shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.*

#### 38 **JEHOVAH TSIDKENU**

- Jeremiah 23:5-6 -- *The days are coming when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do that which is just and right in the land. In His days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which He will be called: Jehovah Tsidkenu [The LORD our Righteousness].*

#### 39 **JEHOVAH ELOHE YISRAEL**

- The LORD God of Israel
- Psalm 59:5 -- *O Lord God Almighty, the God of Israel rouse yourself to punish all the nations; show no mercy to the wicked traitors.*

#### 40 **JEHOVAH SHAMMAH**

- Ezekiel 48:35
- Yahweh Shammah means *the LORD is there*
- Ezekiel 48:35 -- *The distance all around will be 18,000 cubits. And the name of the city from that time on will be: The Lord is There.*
- Speaks of the God who is always present with us

#### 41 **YAHWEH SABAOTH**

- Means *the LORD of Hosts* (hosts refers to armies but also to all heavenly powers)
- 1 Sam 1:3; Isa 6:1 3 -- *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.*"
- Speaks of the God who is our Savior and Protector

42  **QEDOSH YISRAEL**

- *The Holy One of Israel*
- Isaiah 1:4 -- *Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt a brood of evildoers children given to corruption! They have forsaken the Lord; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs on him.*
- Speaks of a God who is morally perfect

43  **ATTIQ YOMIN**

- *The Ancient of Days*
- Daniel 7:9 -- *In my vision at night I looked and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence."*

44  **ATTIQ YOMIN (2)**

- Daniel 7:13 -- *He was given authority, glory and sovereign power, all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him, His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*
- Speaks of the God who is the ultimate authority. He will one day judge the nations

45  **GOD'S PROMISES TO US**46  **PERSONAL PROMISE**

- Personal: Not just His angels, but HE HIMSELF will deliver you.
- Look at the first person pronoun repeated in Psalm 91:14-16
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47  **PROGRESSIVE PROMISE**48  **I WILL DELIVER HIM**

- Deliver = cause him to escape evil
- Psalm 91:13 -- *Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.*
- Four metaphorical enemies depicted:
  - Lion
  - Adder (serpent)
  - Young lion
  - Dragon

49  **1. THE OLD LION**

- Lion – An older lion makes its presence known and roars to cause the prey to run in fear in the direction where young lions wait to kill the prey.
- Satan uses the elements of surprise and fear to cause us to take sudden action in a wrong direction.

50  **2. THE SERPENT**

- Adder -- Poisonous and hidden
  - This is a hidden danger that suddenly springs up and poisons its victim.
  - Like the lion, it remains hidden until the opportune moment.
  - Poison enters through small punctures

51  **3. THE YOUNG LION**

- Young lion -- Hidden and voracious
- Satan's purpose is to devour us
- God is our only refuge and protection

52  **4. THE DRAGON**

- Dragon = dinosaur -- terror (or figurative of Satan)
- While the most terrifying creature here, it too may be trampled on by those in God's protection

53  **I WILL SET HIM ON HIGH**

- *I will securely exalt him*
- We are exalted not because of what we know but because of Whom we know!
- To be "on high" is not only a place of exaltation
  - It is a place of safety
  - It is a place with an expanded view

54  **TIP 1: GET YOUR EYES OFF THE SCREEN**55  **TIP 2: LIFT UP YOUR EYES**

- Psalm 121:1-2 -- *I lift up my eyes to the mountains; whence will my help come? My help is from the LORD, maker of heaven and earth.*

56  **I WILL ANSWER HIM**

- God's answers are dependent upon our praying or crying out to Him
- John 15:7 -- *If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you..*
- Jams 4:2 -- *Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*
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57  **I WILL DELIVER AND HONOR HIM**

- God honoring a person is not the norm – it is the exception rather than the rule
  - God here promises to deliver us in such a way as to bring us honor
- Psalm 69:29 -- *But I am poor and sorrowful: Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.*
- God delights to deliver us so that He gets the glory

58  **1 SAMUEL 2:29-30**

- *1 Samuel 2:29-30 -- Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with*

*the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.*

59  **I WILL SATISFY HIM WITH LONG LIFE**

- 91:16a -- With long life will I satisfy him
- Exodus 20:12 -- *Honor your father and your mother, so that your days can be long on the land that Yahweh your God is giving you.*
- Deuteronomy 30:20 -- *...by loving Yahweh your God by listening to his voice and by clinging to him, for he is your life and the length of your days in order for you to live on the land that Yahweh swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give to them*
- Psalm 21:4 -- *He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, Even length of days for ever and ever.*
- Proverbs 3:1-2 -- *My son, forget not my law; But let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, And peace, shall they add to thee.*

60  **I WILL SHOW HIM MY SALVATION**

- Two things are in view here:
  - A final eschatological salvation
  - A lifetime of seeing God's deliverance along the course of life
- *Show* = to drink deeply
- Another translation: *I will make him to drink deeply of me so that he sees that I AM his Savior*

61  **H.C. LEUPOLD**

- The last promise calls for special comment. Long life is elsewhere in Scripture stressed as a blessing with which God loves to reward His own (see Ps. 21:4; 23:6; Deut. 30:20; Prov. 3:2, 16; and the conclusion of the Fourth Commandment).
- A general rule is laid down. There will, of course, be occasional exceptions to this rule. Length of days is a good gift of God. It comes from the same Father who gives many other gifts richly and abundantly.

62  **H.C. LEUPOLD (2)**

- But the summarizing statement—*"and show him My salvation"*—makes this one gift stand out with particular clarity.
- Since "salvation" is a term of such breadth as to include every possible form of deliverance, physical and spiritual, the statement amounts to this: I will give my own true followers so many proofs of the help that I bestow upon them that the one fact that will impress them above all others is: how wonderfully God can deliver in all needs of body and soul!

63  **A QUESTION**

- We all want the promises of God's deliverance, honoring, satisfying...
- But do you meet the 2 conditions?
  - Do you have intimacy with the LORD? Do you call on His names?
  - Have you set your love on Him? Or are you like the church at Ephesus that had lost its first love for Jesus?