

OUTLINE FOR PSALM 91

1A. GOD IS A REFUGE TO HIS CHILDREN, vv1-2 | Theme introduced

1B. God is a place of safety to hide in, v1

- 1C. His children find safety in His secret place, v1a
- 2C. His children find safety under His shadow, v1b

2B. He is greater than all dangers, v2

- 1C. He is *my* refuge, *my* fortress, *my* God - deeply personal language by the psalmist
- 2C. He is immovable & impregnable fortress, v2a
- 3C. He is mightier than men or angels, v2b

The Result: Because God is these things to His children, they possess a full *confidence* in Him that never fades away. (“...in Him I will trust”)

2A. THE GREATNESS OF GOD BEING A REFUGE TO HIS CHILDREN, vv3-13 | Theme expounded

1B. God delivers *from* snares, v3a

2B. He delivers *from* destruction, v3b

3B. He delivers *by* defensive and offensive measures, vv4-8

- 1C. God covers and attacks against personal assaults, v4a
- 2C. God’s truth is a defense against lies and distortion, v4b
- 3C. Christ’s actions against our enemies relieve our fears, vv5-8

4B. He delivers *by* His presence and command, vv9-13

- 1C. Because the LORD is your refuge, no evil can draw near to harm you, vv9-10
- 2C. When the LORD is your refuge, He commands angels to surround you, vv11-12

3A. THE END RESULT OF GOD BEING A REFUGE TO HIS CHILDREN, vv14-16 | Theme concluded

Through the psalmist, God Himself responds to give His children confidence in trusting Him. A double guarantee of His deliverance is given, v14, 15. It’s a deliverance that speaks of both temporal and eternal blessing.

1B. He exalts His children now, v14b

2B. He answers their prayers now, v15a

3B. He is present with them now, v15b

4B. He honors them forever, v15c

5B. He satisfies them with everlasting life, v16a

6B. He shows them the blessings of His eternal salvation, v16b

Circumstances, conditions, critics and crises are all directed by the LORD to do us good—“to those who love Him... who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom 8:28)

TO CONCLUDE: In light of what we’ve learned in Psalm 91, *What are God’s children called on by God to do in Christ?*

1. To *learn* of Him in order to *know* Him.
2. To *love* Him and to *trust* Him.
3. To *call* upon Him, and *depend* on Him in all things.
4. To *rest* in Him until He comes.