

TUESDAY

The Lord Is a Refuge in Adversity

Exodus 19:4–5 ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Deuteronomy 32:11–12 ¹¹As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers over its young, Spreading out its wings, taking them up, Carrying them on its wings, ¹²So the LORD alone led him...

PSALM 91 – 18 PROMISES OF DIVINE PROTECTION**for those who choose to abide in SECRET PLACE**

Psalm 91:1–16 ¹He who dwells in the **secret place** of the Most High [secret place = not hidden = uncommon = close intimacy/communion thru relationship w/Messiah] Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. **Note: we must dwell = abide = constant/continuous dwelling (not just in times of trouble)**

1. Trusting in His love = His ways are perfect
2. Trusting in His Sovereign Control
3. Passionately praising Him for His love / power / protection

Promises conditioned on abiding in that secret place

²I will say of the LORD, "He is **my** refuge and **my** fortress; My God, in Him **I will trust.**"

- God = our REFUGE – One who can be trusted = frequent theme PS
- Will I trust=psalmist turns to Lord =who is refuge/ every adversity
- **ABSG:** Trust is a **deliberate choice** to acknowledge God's lordship over one's life in all circumstances.
- If trust does not work in adversity, then it will not work anywhere.

- My refuge/my fortress = past experience w/God serves to strengthen faith for future

³Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler [from Satan's snares for God's servants] And from the perilous pestilence.

⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge [**intimate picture of God's protection/our security in Him**]; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. [**Shield of faith/ buckler was coat of mail that protected whole body = this is armor of God**]

⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁶Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

⁷A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. [**Psalmist may have been thinking back to bloody Passover night in Egypt**]. ⁸Only with your eyes shall you look And see the reward of the wicked [like a spectator] .

⁹**Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place** [relates back to vs. 1 – **abiding in secret place**] , ¹⁰No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. ¹²In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

NOW GOD SPEAKS = MAKES THIS PLEDGE ¹⁴"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has 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 honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

- In turmoil of great controversy = we know Christ warned us we will suffer tribulation as He did
- Yet = God's great promise of protection for those who dwell in the secret place never fails

- Constant day/night = we can be safe/secure as we remain in Christ = endure to the end

Psalm 17:5–9 ⁵Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip. ⁶I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech. ⁷Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them. ⁸**Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,** ⁹From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.

- **Psalmist** being falsely accused = but great God of heaven can keep us by His power
- Keep our paths straight = spirits bright

1 Peter 1:4–5 ⁴to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, ⁵who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Matthew 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

- W/great passion / tender yearning = Jesus wanted /save His ppl
- Not just human emotion expressed here
 - Jesus’ feelings lined up perfectly w/God’s
 - Who wants no man to perish
- But Jewish nation rejected the mercy/ long-suffering of God
- Adequate provision / for evidence = Christ was Messiah
- Their choice determined their destiny
 - God will not violate the boundaries

- **How, though, do we deal w/ times when calamity strikes, and we can't seem to see the Lord's protection? Why do these traumas not mean that the Lord is not there with us?**

Psalm 31:1–3 ¹In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness. ²Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me. ³For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead me and guide me.