Sunday Night Message May 17, 2015 Psalm 91 Series – The Psalms Text – Psalm 91

Introduction

This psalm is misquoted by Satan in Matthew 4:1 - 11.

This psalm is a picture of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This psalm gives us many principles dealing with the love and protection that God provides His children.

Some have said that as Psalm 90 was a psalm of death, Psalm 91 is a beautiful psalm of life.

Some believe that Moses was the author of this psalm as well as Psalm 90. There definitely are some similarities in the two and also in Psalm 92.

This psalm speaks about the dangers that loom out there in the world: the snare of the fowler, the noisome pestilence, terror by night, flying arrows, lions, adders, and dragons. Very few of the fears that were common to the world in the psalmist day are part of our world today. But we do have to face the fears of our world: muggers, rapist, and child molesters, terrorists, strange diseases, cyber criminals that steal our identity and empty our bank accounts. We have many thing that we can fear on a human level; but we, like this psalmist of old, can trust that God is watching over His own.

"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock." (Psalm 27:1-5)

"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah." (Psalm 32:7)

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word." (Psalm 119:114)

Bad things still can happen to good people who are serving inside of the will of God, but only when God allows, and He will only allow it to accomplish His purposes.

Bad things, however, happen more frequently to the lost, and to Christians who are rebelling against the will of God.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" (Luke 13:34)

To Claim These Promises:

1 You must be God's Child.

"He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:10-13)

2 You must abide in Christ.

Turn to John 15:1 – 17

What does it mean to abide in Christ?

To be saturated in His Word

To be submissive to His Spirit

To be surrendered to His will

To be separated from this world

3 You must fulfill His plan for your life.

"And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD." (1 Chronicles 28:20)