Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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A PLACE OF SAFETY

(Psalm 91:1-16 TLB)

We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God and I am trusting Him. For He rescues you from every trap and protects you from the fatal plague.

He will shield you with His wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armor. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark anymore nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning. Though a thousand fall at my side, though ten thousand are dying around me, the evil will not touch me. I will see how the wicked are punished, but I will not share it. For Jehovah is my refuge!

I choose the God above all gods to shelter me. How then can evil overtake me or any plague come near? For He orders His angels to protect you wherever you go. They will steady you with their hands to keep you from stumbling against the rocks on the trail. You can safely meet a lion or step on poisonous snakes, yes, even trample them beneath your feet. For the Lord says, "Because he loves me, I will rescue him; I will make him great because he trusts in my Name. When he calls on Me, I will answer; I will be with

him in trouble and rescue him and honor him. I will satisfy him with a full life and give him My salvation."

The 91st psalm is commonly referred to as the soldiers psalm or the soldiers prayer. After you read it you can see why that is; however; it is all inclusive and can be utilized by any believer.

I want to encourage you to pray or confess this psalm once each day or more than one time per day as you see fit or as the Lord directs you. I have personally committed it to memory well over 40 years ago and it has been a great source of protection, comfort and power to me. We live in dangerous and unprecedented days and we need God's power, presence and person active in and around us at all times. We don't have to be afraid of anything chemical, viral, nuclear or of contamination in our food and water. We don't have to be afraid of the devil, demons or crazy people. We are commanded not to be afraid.

Say it right now; I will not fear—I refuse to fear—Greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world—God the Holy Spirit lives in me and I absolutely, positively refuse to be afraid of anything from the devil. God has always offered His safety and protection to His people but we must also cooperate with Him.

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I personally have been protected many times by the Lord. That safety came because I did what the Word of God said to do and by the prayers of others. I don't know about you and your personal situation but I do know about me. We don't always know about another person's situation and why it appears that they did not get deliverance; but I can tell you this, it's not because God did not want to and God is never to blame. I want to give you several personal situations where the Lord literally kept me from harm or from death.

I was in a visitor's center alone one day looking for information on a local city and the things you could do there, for Helen and I. I looked out the door and saw two men coming up the walkway. It was winter so I had my coat on and I instantly felt the Lord tell me to unzip my coat just a little and put my hand inside my coat and keep it there, giving the appearance that I was carrying a firearm. One of the men came toward me and asked a few questions and the other went around the other side and when he did I made my exit. I may never really know if they had evil intent but I do know the voice and witness of the Holy Spirit. I'd rather be safe than sorry.

Another situation. When I was in the fifth grade my father and mother and I were visiting my grandmother in a city about ten miles away from our home. It was after dark when we left and because my father was not feeling well he laid down in the back seat and my mother was driving. I was in the right front passenger seat and usually on the trip back home I would sleep but this night was different. I kept having this "witness" or

something that I should stay awake and keep an eye on my mom. I was not born again at this time but perhaps I had not reached the age of accountability yet or someone was praying for us.

About three miles from home and on a curve, traveling about 55 mph my mother fell asleep at the steering wheel. I gently turned the steering wheel back and as calmly as possible woke her up. I do not doubt that all three of us could have been killed or seriously injured if I had not followed that prompting. She said she did not fall asleep but I told her that most people that have their eyes closed, mouth open and snoring are asleep.

I have quite a few examples in my lifetime but I just want to share one more. Helen and I and our two children were in Tulsa, Oklahoma getting ready to shop at the Woodlands Hills Mall. As we were walking from the parking lot, and up the sidewalk, I had a sense that we should all walk close together and that Helen should secure her purse. As we were getting close to the entrance I looked back to the street, as a car pulled up, a man jumped out and grabbed a purse from the lady behind us. Thank the Lord for his safety and protection. Always obey the prompting of the Lord. And no it wasn't the will of God that the other lady got her purse stolen.

Now I'd like to give you two things that definitely are ingredients to a life of safety, deliverance and protection.



"His faithful promises are your armor."

Psalm 91:4



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God's Word is generally conditional. What I mean by that is this: we have our part to play and then He responds to our faith. There will always be those situations when a person says I did not know God, was not looking for Him and even resented God or I was an atheist or agnostic and somehow was not killed or injured in a particular situation. Remember that an angel is assigned to each person at birth or even before and someone could have been praying in the Spirit at the time. I don't want to cover those things in this newsletter. I want to cover these two things.

- 1. What is dwelling in the secret place of the Most High? This is a place of close spiritual communion and fellowship with our heavenly Father. A dwelling is the place you live, eat, sleep, and entertain family and guests. Under the right conditions Jesus said He and the Father would come and make their abode with you. Some of the ingredients of a close walk with Jesus are: daily bible reading, praying, praise and worship, church attendance, walking in love and faith and meditation in the Word of God...DAILY. Remember that it is not hard to live for God—The way of a transgressor is HARD. When you are living like this, the Lord can protect you from situations that you may never know about
- When you are living like this, the Lord can protect you from situations that you may never know about in this life or He can show you things to come to prepare you for deliverance. Helen and I pray before we stop any where to eat out. We pray before we grocery shop. Lord, don't let us choose any food that is contaminated. We pray whenever we get in the car to go anywhere. Sounds like all of the time right? You got it. Continual fellowship!!
- 2. I will <u>SAY</u> of the Lord—You need to <u>say</u> what you believe. What should you believe and say if you want the Lord's protection? Say only what the Word says and what you desire, do not say anything negative. Jesus said we should <u>believe</u> and <u>say</u> what we desire. Mark 11:22-24. We should <u>SAY</u> Psalm 91, 23, 103, 112. These are four psalms which I believe and <u>SAY</u> daily. Pray in the Spirit as much as possible.

So these are two things which you can do. 1.) Dwell in the secret place of the Most High and 2.) <u>Say of</u> the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress and in Him will I trust, no matter what comes, big or small, He will protect me, shield me, deliver me and honor me. <u>AMEN!</u>



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II Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who

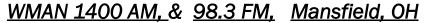
are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

<u>I Tim. 2:1-4</u> "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."



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