



## SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

### “He is My Security”

*Psalm 91*

August 25, 2013 A.M. Worship

- ✓ He Will Be With Me
- ✓ He will Rescue Me
- ✓ He will Honor Me
- ✓ He will Satisfy Me
- ✓ He Will Let Me See His Salvation

#### HIS PRESENCE – I Must Dwell in Him Vs 1-2

##### ▪ He Is My Secret Place

- ✓ He is Elyon – Most High – Possession
- ✓ He is El Shaddai – The Almighty – Provision
- ✓ He is Jehovah – The Lord – Promise
- ✓ He is Elohim – The Creator – Power

##### ▪ He Is My Refuge

##### ▪ He Is My Fortress

##### ▪ He Is The God In Whom I Trust

#### HIS PROVISION – It is Enough Vs 3-4

- He Will Deliver Me
- He Will Cover Me

#### His PROMISES – They Never Fail Vs 5-13

- You Will Not Be Afraid
- You Will Have My Angels

#### HIS PASSION – It is for Me Vs 14-16

##### ▪ Because I Love Him...

- ✓ He Will Deliver Me
- ✓ He Will Set Me Securely on High
- ✓ He Knows My Name

##### ▪ Because I Call Upon Him...

- ✓ He Will Answer Me

#### Our Response:

1. Has there ever been that moment where you have prayed to the Father and asked Him to come into your heart and take control of your life? **The Lord's desire is to give you Security in knowing Him today as Savior and Lord!!** Would give Him your heart & life today? Remember it is as simple as **ABC!** **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss/Shepherd of your life)
2. Have you asked Christ into your heart but never made it public. Have you not been baptized? You can come & make that decision today public today. Be obedient!
3. Are you a part of a church family? If not, you need one! Is the Lord calling you to Petal FBC today? Why wait any longer? Step over the line and join us in reaching this community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!
4. This week, make certain that you spend time everyday in your secret place alone with the Lord. Spend time in **Adoration**, **Confession**, **Thanksgiving**, and **Supplication** as well as reading and studying the Word of God Remember, it is only those who dwell in that secret place that are promised His Security!
5. Are going through a difficult time, be remind this morning and this week that He will provide all you need – He is Enough and that His promises are true and never fail!
6. May we rejoice in the fact of our Lord's great passion for us. Just pause and meditate on these wonderful truths: He will deliver me, He knows My name, He will answer me and be with me, He will rescue, honor, and satisfy me.

## SUMMER IN THE PSALMS

“The Lord is My Security”

*Psalm 91*

August 25, 2013 AM Service

We really don't know who wrote this Psalm, but what a wonderful and powerful Psalm it is. How appropriate is the Psalm today in the days of terrorist attacks, crazy new diseases, drive by shootings, school shootings, and the list goes on and on. We live in perilous times! So did the write of this Psalm. We see here very quickly that this Psalm is conditional and we will discuss that in just a moment. Also of note, Satan quoted part of this very Psalm when he was trying to tempt Jesus. So we will take a look at that truth as well. The Lord desires and promises to His children that He will be our Presence, our Provision, that He keeps His Promises and that He loves Pour out His Passion upon us.

**ILLUS: Golden Gate Bridge & the Net**

This is the same effect that God's sovereignty had on the Psalmist as he recorded Psalm 91 though his security was not below Him but instead above Him.

**His Presence – I Must Dwell** Vs 1-2 Psalm 46:10

▪ He is My Secret Place – the Shelter

Intimacy = Security **ILLUS: Marriage** – I am secure because Rebecca knows me and I know her – that brings great security. **Family** designed to be the same way, to be that place of refuge and security.

We see the condition of the Psalm. God never promises us a bed of roses, that nothing bad will happen to us. In fact, He tells us that following Him can be difficult at times, it is the narrow road not the wide road. But the great promise though is that we can have His Presence which equals His security. Notice, the promises is for those who **Dwell** in the presence, shelter, or as the New King James says, the **Secret Place**. Let's take pause a moment and talk about those two words.

**ILLUS: Song – “In the Secret” Lyrics**

**Dwell** – to remain, stay, tarry, endure, have one's home. It suggest continuance, and permanence. It is my address! It is not just a place that I visit, that I run in and run out of as need be, or when circumstances dictate it, it is not just some bomb or tornado shelter, it is my life it's where I

normally live! That is why when we aren't closely walking with the Lord when these difficult times come we are blown away because we aren't dwelling in His presence. Doesn't mean we won't struggle but it won't blow us away! Which of these describes your walk with the Lord?

**Secret Place** This is the place no one sees, and is perhaps the hardest discipline of our Christian walk, but yet the most important and the most necessary. It is when we are dwelling in this secret place, growing close to Him that He promises us His security, not perfection! There is a difference as we will see in just a moment. Do you have that secret place? Do you go that secret place everyday to meet with your Father? He is waiting. It is there that we develop that intimacy.

So this is no claim it and name it verse, the principle must be applied. We see Him show us who He is through His names, and here in just the first 2 verses, He gives us four names which show us how He is our Security!

- ✓ **He is Elyon – Most High – Possession** - 1<sup>st</sup> used in [Genesis 14](#) He possess all things because He is higher than any other king and greater than any false god. He owns everything in this world! What a hiding place! There is nowhere we can go that He does not own! We see how great He is in that Shelter, that Secret Place!
- ✓ **He is El Shaddai – The Almighty – Provision** – He is all-sufficient, providing all that I need in every situation – He gives all things. It is in that shadow He shows us how mighty He is!
- ✓ **He is Jehovah – The Lord – Promise** – covenant making God who is always faithful to His promises – unchangeable, most important name of God. This was the most important name to the Hebrew people in that it was His covenant name – I AM. He never breaks His promises no matter what we might do or not do.
- ✓ **He is Elohim – The Creator – Power** – powerful God who created all things and whose greatness and glory surpasses anything we can imagine. 1<sup>st</sup> used in Genesis, the One who created something out of nothing. The world, you and me! Oh what power!
- **He is my Refuge** – the place I can run for protection and refuge (Cities of Refuge) [Psalm 46:1](#)
- **He is my Fortress – Strong Tower, Bulwark** – military imagery, a castle a place of protection and safety

- **He is the God in Whom I Trust** I can trust Him completely and totally – means to attach – we are firmly fixed to the Lord in the midst of our lives and trying situations even when we can't see or understand what's happening or why, we commit ourselves to the Lord and trust!

It is this intimate relationship that brings security to our daily lives.

**His Provision – It is Enough (Protection) Vs 3-4**

He will provide protection for us and that comes as He describes here in two different ways. And please notice that His provision for us and His protection is all we will ever need. Too many times we seek out other provision and protections, when truly He is all that need or should want!

- **He will Deliver Me** – sometimes He will deliver us out of the fire, out of the trap the enemy sets for us, and even disease (Part of the covenant promise that if they would keep themselves pure, follow the Law God gave them they wouldn't have these problems) Well, does that mean I won't get cancer or some other disease? No it does not. But sometimes He will miraculously deliver us from it.
- **He will Cover Me** – other times He will simply cover us with His wings He gives us His peace as He walks through it with us. **ILLUS: Fiery Furnace, Jesus & His Disciples in the Storm** He will simply cover us under the shadow of that wing, I find refuge, relief, where I experience His faithfulness that I would never experience if He always delivered me out of every fire. I experience Him as my shield to deflect the attack of the enemy (if I will run under it) and His armor – bulwark – it will completely surround us. Oh what a promise!

**ILLUS: Corrie Ten Boom's book the Hiding Place** Even though they were eventually found, much of her family killed, the Lord was still her hiding place and she lived to tell about it and give testimony of God's grace and mercy even forgiving those who did these terrible things.

**His Promise – They Never Fail Vs 5-13**

What a great word, **Psalm 46:1-3** hundreds of promises in the Bible just like this and the great news is that they never fail. No matter what we do, what happens in this world, His promises are true and you can count on Him, even when you can count on no other – He promises are ever true!

- **You will not be afraid** Psalm 27:1, 56:3-4; Isaiah 12:2, 43:1-3a, 44:8, Jeremiah 1:8 Darkness, defeat, disease, destruction – It helps us to not be afraid because the Lord is our sure protection! We will only see the danger, it will not touch us as a victim, we will only be the victor  
**ILLUS: David Brainard – missionary to American Indians many years ago – Story**
- **You will have my angels**  
 Many people can tell stories of God’s intervention of angels. Don’t have time to touch upon this to deeply, but suffice it to say that God uses these angels to protect us and help us in our time of need even when we don’t know it. **ILLUS: Billy Grahams’ book**  
 Guard you, lift you up, tread upon (Triumph over all evil – all these are images (lion and serpent) given throughout the Bible of Satan)  
 See Matthew 4:1-11 – Satan pulls Scripture from context – name it and claim it crowd Jesus quotes back – experiences God protection –  
 Deuteronomy 6:16 These verses are a promise with a condition.

**His Passion – It is for Me Vs 14-16**

People tell me from time to time, well nobody loves, nobody really cares about me, and my answer is quick and swift and how we all need this reminder from time to time – Jesus cares. He is passionate about us! Some of answered well how do you know? Folks, He showed us how passionate He was about me and you, He went all the way to the Cross for us and died a sinner’s death and rose again! “No greater love has a man than this than He would lay down his life for a friend.” John 15:13, what’s even greater, I wasn’t God’s friend, I was His enemy! Thank God He now calls me His friend! Folks, the God of this universe is passionate about you and me. Look at what He does for us as His children!

- **Because I love Him...** Notice another conditional promises because...therefore The words here are very strong – meaning to set upon, cling to, cleave to, to be passionate about, to hold on to for dear life, it is the same word used to describe God love for His people. I have to make a decision to love God in the same way He love me – I must make that decision each and every day in that secret place!
  - ✓ **He will deliver me**
  - ✓ **He will set me securely on high**

- ✓ **He knows my name** Isaiah 43:3-4
- **Because I call upon Him...** Again, conditional
  - ✓ **He will answer me**
  - ✓ **He will be with me**
  - ✓ **He will rescue me**
  - ✓ **He will honor me**
  - ✓ **He will satisfy me**
  - ✓ **He will let me see His salvation** – both now and in the life to come

Great news today: The Lord promises His Presence if I will dwell in that Secret Place and from that comes His promise of Security. Today, that He will provide for our every need in every situation and that not one of His promises will not come to pass because of His great and wonderful passion for us. Trust in God's protection, in His power, and in His peace today.

**ILLUS: Carlos Ortiz & then Song: Jesus Never Fails**