

The 91st Psalm

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth³⁴²⁷ in the secret place⁵⁶⁴³ of the most High⁵⁹⁴⁵ shall abide³⁸⁸⁵ under the shadow⁶⁷³⁸ of the Almighty.⁷⁷⁰⁶

Psa 91:1 ישב³⁴²⁷ בסתר⁵⁶⁴³ עליון⁵⁹⁴⁵ בצל⁶⁷³⁸ עדי⁷⁷⁰⁶ יתלונן³⁸⁸⁵

Dwelleth – Yashab – to sit or remain

Secret Place – Sether – (rt) Protection, conceal from view

Most High – Elyon

Shall abide – leen – Lodge (overnight, but by impl. Permanently)

Under the shadow – B' tsal – shade or protection

Almighty – Shaddai – breast or breasted one – (rt) one who nourishes.

The idea is he that sits under the cloaking presence of the Most High will reside permanently in the protection of the Almighty one. This is the one who draws as close as possible to the Almighty and stays there.

Psa 91:2 I will say⁵⁵⁹ of YHWH,³⁰⁶⁸ *He is my refuge*⁴²⁶⁸ and my fortress:⁴⁶⁸⁶ my Elohim;⁴³⁰ in him will I trust.⁹⁸²

Psa 91:2 אמר⁵⁵⁹ ליהוה³⁰⁶⁸ מחסי⁴²⁶⁸ ומצודתי⁴⁶⁸⁶ אלהי⁴³⁰ אבטח⁹⁸²

I will say – declare

Of YHWH

He is my refuge and my fortress

My Elohim – in Him will I trust.

Our faith in His ability to protect us is what is in view here.

Psa 91:3 Surely³⁵⁸⁸ he¹⁹³¹ shall deliver⁵³³⁷ thee from the snare^{4480, 6341} of the fowler,³³⁵³ *and* from the noisome pestilence.⁴⁴⁸⁰

Psa 91:3 כי³⁵⁸⁸ הוא¹⁹³¹ יצילך⁵³³⁷ מפת⁶³⁴¹ יקוש³³⁵³ מדבר¹⁶⁹⁸ הוות¹⁹⁴²

Surely – assuredly

He – he (Herb and Engl.)

Shall deliver – natsal – snatch away

You from the snare –

Of the fowler – yaquah – trapper –trap on a spring (sapling tree)

And from the noisome pestilence – destroying epidemic or plague.

Most assuredly, He will snatch us away from the springing trap and the grievous plagues.

Psa 91:4 He shall cover⁵⁵²⁶ thee with his feathers,⁸⁴ and under⁸⁴⁷⁸ his wings³⁶⁷¹ shalt thou trust:²⁶²⁰ his truth⁵⁷¹ *shall be thy* shield⁶⁷⁹³ and buckler.⁵⁵⁰⁷

Psa 91:4 באברתי⁸⁴ יסך⁵⁵²⁶ לך⁵⁵⁰⁷ ותחת⁸⁴⁷⁸ כנפיו³⁶⁷¹ תחסה²⁶²⁰ צנה⁶⁷⁹³ וסחרה⁵⁵⁰⁷ אמתו⁵⁷¹

He shall cover –Sakak - cover over and fence in

You with His feathers – ebrah – soar above protectively, feathers

And under his wings – kanaph – wings – cover and protect from view.

The idea here is that He will hide us and protect us from view of the trappers. So those who trust in Him and move closer to Him to abide in His presence will be protected in the time of calamity from the plagues and those who try to ensnare us. As we shall see here in a moment, the use of His sacred name plays an important part in our protection.

Psa 91:5 Thou shalt not³⁸⁰⁸ be afraid³³⁷² for the terror^{4480, 6343} by night;³⁹¹⁵ *nor* for the arrow^{4480, 2671} *that* flieth⁵⁷⁷⁴ by day;³¹¹⁹

Psa 91:5 לא³⁸⁰⁸ תירא³³⁷² מפחד⁶³⁴³ לילה³⁹¹⁵ מחרץ²⁶⁷¹ יעוף⁵⁷⁷⁴ יומם³¹¹⁹.

Thou shalt not be afraid – yare – be afraid or in awe

For the terror – pachad – impending danger (rt)

By night

Nor for the arrow – arrow, dart, shaft

That flies by day –

We are not to fear the impending danger at night nor the arrows or missiles that fly by day. If we abide in Him, and strive to move closer to Him by keeping His commandments in faith, we will be protected.

Psa 91:6 *Nor* for the pestilence^{4480, 1698} *that* walketh¹⁹⁸⁰ in darkness;⁶⁵² *nor* for the destruction^{4480, 6986} *that* wasteth⁷⁷³⁶ at noonday.⁶⁶⁷²

Psa 91:6 מדבר¹⁶⁹⁸ באפל⁶⁵² יהלך¹⁹⁸⁰ מקטב⁶⁹⁸⁶ ישוד⁷⁷³⁶ צהרים⁶⁶⁷².

Nor for the pestilence – plague or epidemic

That walketh – halak – walks, comes

In darkness – b’ophel – darkness brought on by judgment

Nor for the destruction – qeteb – ruin, destruction

That wasteth – shud – injuring by invisible force, harm, cause injury (rt)

at noonday – tsohar – noon

More of what we are not fear. The plague that comes in darkness or secretly nor the destruction by invisible force at noon. It seems to imply that these things will come upon people unknowingly as a result of their insolence.

Psa 91:7 A thousand⁵⁰⁵ shall fall⁵³⁰⁷ at thy side,^{4480, 6654} and ten thousand⁷²³³ at thy right hand;^{4480, 3225} *but* it shall not³⁸⁰⁸ come nigh^{5066, 413} thee.

Psa 91:7 יפל⁵³⁰⁷ מצודך⁶⁶⁵⁴ אלף⁵⁰⁵ ורבבה⁷²³³ מימיך³²²⁵ אלך⁴¹³ לא³⁸⁰⁸ יגש⁵⁰⁶⁶.

The translation here is pretty clear. People will be falling all around us, but none of these things will come upon us who have drawn near and abide under the shadow of YHWH.

Psa 91:8 Only⁷⁵³⁵ with thine eyes⁵⁸⁶⁹ shalt thou behold⁵⁰²⁷ and see⁷²⁰⁰ the reward⁸⁰¹¹ of the wicked.⁷⁵⁶³

Psa 91:8 ⁷²⁰⁰ תראה: ⁷⁵⁶³ רשעים ⁸⁰¹¹ ושלמת ⁵⁰²⁷ תביט ⁵⁸⁶⁹ בעיניך ⁷⁵³⁵ רק

We alone will look intently and see the just payment or reward of the wicked. Their destruction will be all around us.

Psa 91:9 Because³⁵⁸⁸ thou⁸⁵⁹ hast made⁷⁷⁶⁰ YHWH,³⁰⁶⁸ *which is* my refuge,⁴²⁶⁸ *even* the most High,⁵⁹⁴⁵ thy habitation;⁴⁵⁸³

Psa 91:9 ⁴⁵⁸³ מעיך: ⁷⁷⁶⁰ שמת ⁵⁹⁴⁵ עליך ⁴²⁶⁸ מחסי ³⁰⁶⁸ יהוה ⁸⁵⁹ אתה ³⁵⁸⁸ כי

This is the reason we will see the compensation of the wicked. We have trusted in YHWH and made Him our refuge and dwelling place and therefore will be spared.

Psa 91:10 There shall no³⁸⁰⁸ evil⁷⁴⁵¹ befall^{579, 413} thee, neither³⁸⁰⁸ shall any plague⁵⁰⁶¹ come nigh⁷¹²⁶ thy dwelling.¹⁶⁸

Psa 91:10 ¹⁶⁸ באהלך: ⁷¹²⁶ יקרב ³⁸⁰⁸ לא ⁵⁰⁶¹ ונגע ⁷⁴⁵¹ רעה ⁴¹³ אליך ⁵⁷⁹ תאנה ³⁸⁰⁸ לא

There shall no evil befall thee –
Neither shall any plague – nega – infliction
Come nigh thy dwelling (home).

No harmful thing nor infliction comes near our homes. The reason is that we have made YHWH our refuge and dwelling place.

Psa 91:11 For³⁵⁸⁸ he shall give his angels⁴³⁹⁷ charge⁶⁶⁸⁰ over thee, to keep⁸¹⁰⁴ thee in all³⁶⁰⁵ thy ways.¹⁸⁷⁰

Psa 91:11 ¹⁸⁷⁰ מלאכיו ³⁵⁸⁸ כי ³⁶⁰⁵ בכל ⁸¹⁰⁴ דרכיך: ⁶⁶⁸⁰ לך ⁴³⁹⁷ יצוה ³⁷⁰⁹ לשמרך

For He shall give His angels – malak – messengers, angels, can also be prophets, priests and ministers, but usage dictates that they are angels of YHWH. He shall appoint His malak over thee to protect you in all your ways. This was quoted to Yahshua by HaShatan when he was led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted.

Psa 91:12 They shall bear thee up⁵³⁷⁵ in⁵⁹²¹ *their* hands,³⁷⁰⁹ lest⁶⁴³⁵ thou dash⁵⁰⁶² thy foot⁷²⁷² against a stone.⁶⁸

Psa 91:12 ⁷²⁷² רגלך: ⁶⁸ באבן ⁵⁰⁶² תגף ⁶⁴³⁵ פן ⁵³⁷⁵ ישאוּך ³⁷⁰⁹ כפים ⁵⁹²¹ על

More of the quote to Yahshua by HaShatan. The promise is to us too. His malak will so completely protect us, that we will not so much as stub our toes.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread¹⁸⁶⁹ upon⁵⁹²¹ the lion⁷⁸²⁶ and adder:⁶⁶²⁰ the young lion³⁷¹⁵ and the dragon⁸⁵⁷⁷ shalt thou trample under feet⁷⁴²⁹

Psa 91:13 ⁸⁵⁷⁷ ותגין: ³⁷¹⁵ כפיר ⁷⁴²⁹ תרמס ¹⁸⁶⁹ תדרך ⁶⁶²⁰ ופתן ⁷⁸²⁶ שחל ⁵⁹²¹ על

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder – (pethen – python?)

The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under foot.

Nothing will harm us at this time. The roaring animals and large and smaller poisonous snakes will not harm us. The dragon may represent Satan.

Psa 91:14 Because³⁵⁸⁸ he hath set his love²⁸³⁶ upon me, therefore will I deliver⁶⁴⁰³ him: I will set him on high,⁷⁶⁸² because³⁵⁸⁸ he hath known³⁰⁴⁵ my name.⁸⁰³⁴

Psa 91:14 ⁸⁰³⁴שמי: ³⁰⁴⁵ידע ³⁵⁸⁸כי ⁷⁶⁸²אשגבנו ⁶⁴⁰³ואפלגתו ²⁸³⁶בי חשק ³⁵⁸⁸כי

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: We show Him our love by keeping His commandments (John 14:15). But this is not all...
I will set him on high because he hath known my name. These are the reasons we will be delivered in the time of trouble. We have kept His commandments, Sabbaths, food laws, Moadim, love for the brethren, and have loved and known His Kadosh name.

The church does not do any of those things. They do not keep His commandments. They violate the Sabbath, they eat all manner of unclean things, they have substituted pagan feasts for YHWH's Feasts and they don't call upon His true name. They have no promise of protection during the time of Jacob's trouble.

This Psalm is called the Psalm of protection, but we see from analyzing these verses that this protection is only for those who draw nigh unto Him, which you can't do if you don't keep His commandments or love Him as stated in John 14:15. He who says He knows Him and doesn't keep His commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:4). We know that Yahshua is the truth, so the implication here is they don't have him.

There is still another couple of verses to this psalm which are important.

Psa 91:15 He shall call upon⁷¹²¹ me, and I will answer⁶⁰³⁰ him: I⁵⁹⁵ will be with⁵⁹⁷³ him in trouble,⁶⁸⁶⁹ I will deliver²⁵⁰² him, and honor³⁵¹³ him.

Psa 91:15 ³⁵¹³ואכבדנו: ²⁵⁰²אחלצנו ⁶⁸⁶⁹בצרה ⁵⁹⁵אנכי ⁵⁹⁷³עמו ⁶⁰³⁰ואענהו ⁷¹²¹יקראני

He shall call upon Me and I will answer him: I will be with him in tribulation; I will deliver him and give honor to him. The word is kavad which is spelled the same as kabod which is often translated "glory".

When we call upon Him using His true name, He will hear and answer us and be with us in tribulation. By the same token, will He hear those calling upon the names of pagan deities they have been taught is the name of the Father?

Here is the last verse:

Psa 91:16 With long⁷⁵³ life³¹¹⁷ will I satisfy⁷⁶⁴⁶ him, and show⁷²⁰⁰ him my salvation.³⁴⁴⁴

Psa 91:16 ³⁴⁴⁴בישועתי: ⁷²⁰⁰ואראו ⁷⁶⁴⁶אשביעו ³¹¹⁷ימים ⁷⁵³אך

If we do all of the things listed in this psalm, YHWH will satisfy us with a long life and will show us His Yahshua. That is the meaning of the last word in this psalm. It is the name of our savior. YHWH will show him to us if we obey His commandments and love Him.

There are other scriptures that indicate we will be protected by calling upon and using the set apart true names of the Father and Son. We see that the church of Philadelphia in Rev 3:8-10 did not deny the name of Yahshua. You deny it by calling him something that is not his name. If you know his name or have heard it before and don't consider it important enough to use, you are denying it. In verse 10, we are told that he would keep them from the hour of tribulation which shall come upon the world to try them that dwell upon the earth.

In these scriptures, knowing the name and not denying the name of YHWH are presented in the context of promised care and protection. I think we should encourage all of our loved ones and friends who do not yet use these kadosh names to consider doing so and to keep YHWH's commandments, in order to be afforded some protection during the tribulation which is soon to come upon us. Of course, we are to love the name and to love the name is to obey Him whose name it is. Without obedience, there is no protection.

There are other scriptures that promise protection, but I primarily wanted to focus on the 91st Psalm, the psalm of protection. The key is drawing nigh unto YHWH, keeping His commandments and loving His name. Then He will spread His wings over us like a mother hen guarding her chicks and nothing will be able to touch us.

End of study