

# PSALM 91: LOVE & SECURITY OF THE GODLY



As I was reading the Bible I received as a gift I realized it contained even more treasure than I had previously noted. Each chapter of this A.W. Tozer King James Version Bible had a topic statement. This morning I noticed the heading for the <a href="Psalm 91">Psalm 91</a> a chapter — "The Security of the Godly"

Isn't that a beautiful promise? God will use all at the tools within His hands - which is everything - to take care of those who are truly His.

- 1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 21 will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust.
- 3 Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

- 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath 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 honour him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation. (Psalm 91) 1

To be truly His is to gladly walk in submission to His good and perfect will and all His ways which we learn from reading our Bibles and actively participating in a good, Bible believing church in fellowship with like-minded believers.

The Bible is full of so many promises for those who will love God with all their hearts and honor Him by choosing His Son Jesus to be their Lord and Savior. To fully submit requires growing in the understanding of what it means to give God our first and our best: time, talent and treasures. As we acknowledge that His way is best because He loves us and He knows all He can bring us more protection.

It doesn't mean life will always be easy – but it does mean when we walk in the fullness of God's love and provision He will show us paths to take.

Oh, the promises that await us if we do yield to Him! He will help us come to understand what "the security of the godly" with the blood of Jesus applied to all that pertains to us truly means as we pray in Jesus' name!

That is the power for the promise – believing and trusting that Jesus' blood, the Word of God and Jesus' name are the highest form of love we can ever receive.

Studying God's promises, like <u>Psalm 91</u> <sup>1</sup> and <u>Malachi 3</u> <sup>2</sup>, <sup>3</sup>, helps us pray more pure and intentional thoughts too. For we can do nothing in our own power <sup>4</sup> - only Jesus can do it for us. <sup>5</sup>

I heard one story recently that illustrates how knowing God's Word and applying it in a time of difficulty can work. This person was in trouble but could only remember a small portion of Psalm 91. In that moment of crisis they just prayed out loud "feathers, feathers, feathers". Because God knows the intention of our hearts and what we think He knew this person who walked with God was referring to Psalm 91 verse 4:

4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

The crisis was abated as the person felt the immediate peace and presence of The Lord. They had received the protection promised and the peace that passes all understanding.

God is love <sup>7</sup> and He wants to guide us and help us. Believe and receive. <sup>8</sup>, <sup>9</sup> His Word is true <sup>10</sup>, <sup>11</sup>, <sup>12</sup> and the love of His Son Jesus is free. <sup>13</sup>, <sup>14</sup>, <sup>15</sup> We only need seek Him and He will be there for us <sup>16</sup>, <sup>17</sup>, <sup>18</sup>, <sup>19</sup> – always <sup>20</sup>, <sup>21</sup> – when we choose the yield to Him. <sup>22</sup>, <sup>23</sup>

For this is the security of the godly – God is for us, not against us. <sup>24</sup>

From the heart with all praise to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Donna Turpin
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#### <sup>2</sup> Ibid, Malachi 3, v. 10-12, http://bit.ly/1UJPU4j

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

#### <sup>3</sup> Ibid, Malachi 3, v. 16-18, http://bit.ly/1RjCZn9

16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon His name.

17 And they shall be Mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth Him not.

#### <sup>4</sup> *Ibid*, John 15, v. 5, http://bit.ly/1pAnz3e

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

### <sup>5</sup> *Ibid*, Philippians 4, v.13, http://bit.ly/1MnYMd8

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#### <sup>6</sup> *Ibid*, Philippians 4, v.7, http://bit.ly/1S97tVg

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#### <sup>7</sup> Ibid, 1 John 4, v. 8, http://bit.ly/1RBBUsX

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

## <sup>8</sup> *Ibid*, Matthew 21, v. 22, http://bit.ly/1LKbd31

22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

# <sup>9</sup> Ibid, Mark 11, v. 24-25, http://bit.ly/1Sjlscw

24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

# <sup>10</sup> *Ibid*, Psalm 33, v. 4, http://bit.ly/22yimLe

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.

## <sup>11</sup> *Ibid*, Proverbs 30, v. 5, http://bit.ly/1Udtatl

5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

### <sup>12</sup> *Ibid*, John 17, v. 17, http://bit.ly/22lss8U

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

#### <sup>13</sup> *Ibid*, 1 John 4, v. 9-10, http://bit.ly/1Roug1K

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

# <sup>14</sup> *Ibid,* Romans 8, v. 32, http://bit.ly/1MEL2p9

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

#### <sup>15</sup> *Ibid*, John 3, v. 16, http://bit.ly/1SjKdXi

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

# <sup>16</sup> *Ibid*, Jeremiah 29, v. 13, http://bit.ly/25nJFab

13 And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

#### <sup>17</sup> *Ibid*, Psalm 34, v. 3-9, http://bit.ly/1LKfTpu

- 3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.
- 41 sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

# <sup>18</sup> *Ibid*, <u>Psalm 145</u>, v. 18-20, <u>http://bit.ly/109ilua</u>

- 18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- 20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

# <sup>19</sup> Ibid, Hebrews 11, v. 6, http://bit.ly/1S9dHEB

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

# <sup>20</sup> *Ibid*, Isaiah 41:10, http://bit.ly/1q4roOS

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

#### <sup>21</sup> *Ibid,* Matthew 28, v. 20, http://bit.ly/109jBxE

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

# <sup>22</sup> Ibid, Hebrews 3, v. 15, http://bit.ly/1Mo4fAE

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

#### <sup>23</sup> *Ibid*, Romans 10:9-10, http://bit.ly/21JgV6W

- 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

#### <sup>24</sup> *Ibid*, Romans 8:31, http://bit.ly/1MEPeoW

31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?