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<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. <sup>8</sup>You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

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## Roadmap

#### **In the Shelter of the Most High** Psalm 91

I. Hide and Dwell in God (v. 1-2)
II. God protects us from our Enemies (v. 3-6)
III. The Blessing of Abiding in Christ (v. 7-16)
IV.Application: Know and Love God

## Background

Psalm 91 is traditionally **attributed to Moses** by some Jewish and early Christian sources

Written in a time of **national danger or personal threat** — possibly during plagues, battle, or spiritual warfare.

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#### **Dwell in the Names of God**

- 1. Elyon (Most High)
- 2. El Shaddai (Almighty)
- 3. Yahweh (The LORD)
- 4. Elohim (My God)

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As Christians, we believe that only someone who has put their Faith in the works of Christ Alone is Saved.

Our faith is not only demonstrated through outward action, but what we do in private.

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#### WHAT WE DO IN THE HIDDEN LIFE CAN BLESS US OR DESTROY US! (Galatians 6:8)

Galatians 6:8  $\rightarrow$  <sup>8</sup>Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- When faced with difficult situations, where do you honestly find refuge?
- Do you Believe and have a Genuine relationship with God??
- Do you SPEND TIME with GOD??

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- 1. The snare of the fowler (traps laid for us).
- 2. The deadly pestilence (diseases or troubles).
- 3. The terror by night (fear and anxiety).
- 4. The arrow that flies by day (attack from enemies).

#### 1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

#### There are 3 sins that are **deadly interconnected traps**.

Fleshly Lust – Cravings for physical or sensual pleasure outside of God's will

**Coveting/Jealousy** – Comparison and discontentment

Pride of Life – Self-Glorification

# What are the idols and traps in your life?

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Satan loves busy and distracted believers who do not find refuge in God!

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"His Faithfulness" → Gospel Moment! We are not saved by our faith and abilties... but by His Faithfulness and Works!

**Your Shield** (Eph 6:10-11)  $\rightarrow$  <sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.



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- Angels minister to the Saints (Hebrews 1:13-14)
- Angels execute God's Will (Psalm 103:20-21)
- Angels magnify the grandeur of God (Daniel 7:10)
- Angels remind the believers of their worth (Matt 18:10)

John 15:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

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## This is GOD'S BLESSING to those who are hidden in the LORD!

## Application: Know and Love God

1. KNOW GOD: Have his Words written on your heart.

Jeremiah 31:33-34  $\rightarrow$  "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people... "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

**2. LOVE GOD:** To Love God is to submit yourself to Him. Make His Glory your first priority!

Psalm 34:8  $\rightarrow$  Taste and See that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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## Do you rely on God or are you living for yourself?