

Victoria Fellowship Church
International & Interdenominational
Bible Study Worksheet – August 16, 2020

Theme: The Certainty of God's Word

Topic: God's Promise of Protection

Main Text: Psalm 91:1-16

Key verse: Psalm. 91:15 – “He shall call upon me, and I will answer him, I will be with him; I will deliver him and honour him”. (NKJV)

INTRODUCTION: All through Scripture, we find several promises of God to His people regarding protection. To protect means to *defend* or *shield and keep secure* from danger or attack. In ancient times, nations and cities built fortresses (strongly fortified, military strongholds) for security. These fortresses served as *protection* against external aggression by enemies. From his personal experience of God's protection, the Psalmist in Psalm 91 shares with us what God has promised in terms of protection, what to expect as those under His protection and how to enter this promised protection.

1. (a) According to Psalm 91:14-15, what has God promised in terms of protection? (b) What attributes of God make Him a reliable protector? E.g. Psalm 121:3-6; Proverbs 18:10; Matthew 6:13; Revelations 19:1-2 (c) How do these help your understanding of ‘the secret place of the Most High’ and the protection it offers?

The Psalmist was absolutely convinced of God's protection when he said “*I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I will trust’ Surely He shall deliver you from the snares...*” (Psalm 91:2-3 NKJ). Having a clear understanding of the God he has made his fortress strengthened the Psalmist's confidence in the protection God offers. But a fortress, no matter how strong and reliable, is of no use to those who are outside of it. One must be inside the fortress to enjoy the safety and protection it provides. In similar fashion, the Psalmist tells us how to get in on God's protection when he said “*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*” (Psalm 91:1).

2. (a) How does Psalm 27:4-5; 31:19-20; John 15:5-7 help us understand what it means to “abide under the shadow of the Almighty”? (b) How did the Psalmist enter God's protection according to Psalm 36:7; 57:1 (c) What then is the condition attached to enjoying God's protection and what does it imply in practical terms?

Natural disasters, epidemics, enemy aggression, spiritual forces, etc. all highlight our need for protection. In Scripture and across the ages, God has manifested His protection in diverse ways and circumstances. In 2 Kings 6, God protected Israel by revealing to Prophet Elisha all the secret plans of the Aramean king. And when the Aramean king sent his soldiers to arrest Elisha, Elisha was not perturbed because he was conscious of God's greater forces (2 Kings 6:16). In similar manner, the apostles faced danger from people who wanted to stop the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 5:17-18; 9:22-25). But at last Apostle Paul would write “*He has delivered us from such deadly peril, and he will deliver us...*” (2 Corinthians 1:10) Protection is a serious need - Satan even tempted Jesus with it (Matthew 4:5-7)! Our need for protection is real and Satan still uses that need for protection to tempt believers today.

3. (a) According to Psalm 91, What are we to expect as those who are under God's protection? (b) What is God's ultimate purpose for protecting us according to Psalm 91:16; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3 (c) In the light of these, what should be our response to the attacks we face, physical or spiritual?

Prayer: God Almighty, thank You that Your protection is available always for those who abide in You. I commit to always dwelling in your presence. As I do so, may I be filled with the assurance of Your presence and not fear when threats and attacks come. In Jesus' name, Amen.