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**The Secret Place – What It’s Is, How To Get There, and Stay There**

**Psalm 91 (NKJV)** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” **3** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. **4** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. **5** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, **6** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. **7** A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. **8** Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. **9** Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, **10** No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; **11** For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. **12** In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **13** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. **14** “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has 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 honor him. **16** With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”

**NOW LET’S FIRST TALK ABOUT WHAT THE SECRET PLACE IS, AND THEN WE’LL TALK ABOUT HOW TO GET THERE AND STAY THERE.**

**WHAT IS THE SECRET PLACE?**

**LET’S LIST WHAT PSALM 91 REVEALS...**

**Psalm 91:1 (NKJV)** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

“dwells” = **yâshab**, *yaw-shab´ =* “to sit down and stay”

“abide” = **lîyn**, *leen =* “to spend the night”

1. **The secret place is not a quick visit... you come to stay (and live) in the presence of (and fellowship) with God.**

**Psalm 91:3 (NKJV)** Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

1. **In the secret place, God rescues you from the entrapments of Satan, demons, and people.**

**Psalm 91:3 (NKJV)** ... And from the perilous pestilence.

“perilous pestilence” = **havvâh**, *hav-vaw´* = “being damaged so severely that you cease to exist.”

1. **In the secret place, God delivers you from being damaged to the point of destruction.**

**V4** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;

“cover” = **c̨âkak**, *saw-kak´* = to make you inaccessible”

1. **In the secret place, the Lord makes you inaccessible.**

“take refuge” = **châc̨âh**, *khaw-saw´* = “to find a safe place of shelter”

1. **In the secret place, you find a safe place of shelter.**

**ALSO V4** His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

“shield” = **tsinnâh**, *tsin-naw´* = “a defensive shield used to block blows or other forms of attack”

“buckler” = **c̨ôchêrâh**, *so-khay-raw´* = “a small shield worn on the arm to deflect blows.”

1. **In the secret place, God’s truth blocks every form of attack like a large and small shield.**

**VERSES 5–6** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, **6** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

“terror” = **pachad**, *pakh´-ad* = “being alarmed, startled, terrorized, or being in dread”

“by night” tells us that this fearful torment keeps you awake with anxiety and worry.

“arrow that flies by day” describes intentional attacks that are launched at you to harm you while you’re going about your day.

“pestilence” = **deber**, *deh´-ber* = “an epidemic or pandemic with a high death rate”

“that walks in darkness” means it’s an unseen killer.

“destruction” = **qeṭeb**, *keh´-teb* = the name of a demon... it means “an epidemic or disaster”

“lays waste” = **shâdad**, *shaw-dad´* = “to devastate, deal violently with, and destroy completely”

“noonday” = “the middle of the day” ... when it’s bright for the world to see.

1. **In the secret place, you’re not alarmed, startled, terrorized, or feel dread at night.**
2. **In the secret place, you’re not afraid of any intentional attack from any direction.**
3. **In the secret place, you’re not afraid of an epidemic, a pandemic, or unseen disease with a high death rate.**
4. **In the secret place, you’re not afraid of any disaster that will devastate your life while the world watches your destruction, even if they are demonically-inspired.**

**VERSE 7** A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

1. **Even if when people around you are being destroyed, and the people right beside you... because you’re in the secret place, that destruction couldn’t get anywhere near you.**

**Psalm 91:9–10 (NKJV)** Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, **10** No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

“evil” = **râʿâh**, *raw-aw* = “wickedness, disaster, depravity, or misfortune”

“plague” = **negaʿ**, *neh´-gah* = “the onset of a pernicious illness or affliction that’s difficult to get rid of”

“dwelling” means wherever you’re living or staying.

1. **Because you made the Lord your real dwelling place, no wickedness, disaster, depravity, or misfortune can happen to you, nor shall there be on onset of any subtle or persistent illness or affliction.**

**VERSE 11** For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. **12** In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

“He shall give... charge” = **tsâvâh**, *tsaw-vaw´* = “a command, an order, and instruction”

“they shall bear... up” = **nâsâʾ**, *naw-saw´* = “to take and lift up” for the purpose of raising above any danger

1. **Because you made the Lord your real dwelling place, God commands, orders, and instructs angels to take you and lift you up above anything dangerous that could hurt you... to raise you high enough that it doesn’t even leave a scratch on your foot.**

**VERSE 13** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

“lion” applies to Satan... that roaring lion going to and fro seeking whom he may devour.

“serpent” applies both to the devil (in the garden of Eden) as well as demons.

1. **When you dwell in the secret place, Satan and demons are under your feet, and as you go about your day, you walk all over them.**

**VERSE 14a** “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him;

1. **Because you set your love upon the Lord, He declares absolutely that He will deliver you.**

**VERSE 14b** I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

1. **Because you call on the name of Jesus, He promotes you and sets you on high.**

**VERSE 15a** He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;

1. **Because you’re in the secret place, whenever you call on the Lord, He will answer you.**

**VERSE 15b** I will be with him in trouble;

1. **Because you’re in the secret place, the Lord will be right there with you whenever you’re in trouble.**

**VERSE 15c** I will deliver him and honor him.

1. **Because you’re in the secret place, the Lord will not only deliver you from trouble, but He will honor you.**

**VERSE 16** With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation.”

“satisfy” = **sâbaʿ**, *saw-bah´* = “to eat and drink until you’re full and have had enough”

“My salvation” = **yeshûwʿâh**, *yesh-oo´-aw* = the Hebrew name of Jesus.

1. **Because you dwell in the secret place, the Lord will satisfy you with a long life and show you His salvation.**

**NOW LET’S TALK ABOUT HOW TO GET INTO THE SECRET PLACE, AND STAY THERE.**

**Psalm 91:1–2 (NKJV)** He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. **2** I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”

1. **To get into the secret place, you need to believe and say certain things.**
   1. **The Lord is my refuge and my fortress**
   2. **The Lord is my God (source of everything), in Him will I trust.**

**Psalm 31:19–20 (NKJV)** Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men! **20** You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.

**Psalm 100:4** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

**Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

**Psalm 22:3** But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.

**Hebrews 13:15** Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name.

**THE WORD “CONTINUALLY” IS TEACHING US HOW TO STAY IN THE SECRET PLACE.**

**Psalm 34:1–4 (NKJV)** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. **2** My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. **3** Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. **4** I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears.

**NOTICE AGAIN... “HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUALLY BE IN MY MOUTH”... AND “I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND HE HEARD ME, AND DELIVERED ME FROM ALL MY FEARS.” THAT’S WHAT HAPPENS IN THE SECRET PLACE.**

**HERE’S SOMETHING ELSE YOU’LL NEED TO SAY.**

**1 John 1:5–9 (NKJV)** This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. **6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**VERSE 4** He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

1. **When something potentially harmful arises, you come to the Lord for protection, and let His truth—His Word—be your big shield for big things and small shield for small things.**

**VERSE 5** You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, **6** Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

1. **You shall not be afraid of the things that scare other people.**

**Psalm 23:4 (NKJV)** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me.

**Psalm 56:4 (NKJV)** In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?

**VERSE 9** Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, **10** No evil shall befall you,

1. **You will make the Lord your dwelling place... the place you go to for shelter... your safe place... bunker... home base.**

**EX – My relationship with Kimberly... we talk, fellowship, and counsel each other... we brief each other on important things coming... and debrief afterward.**

**VERSE 13** You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

1. **You shall confidently and “matter-of-factly” take authority over the devil and demons every time they try something against you.**

**VERSE 14** “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name.

1. **You don’t wait for emotions... you set your love upon the Lord.**

**EX – I set my love upon Kimberly**

**VERSE 15** He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him.

1. **You will lift up your voice and call upon the Lord when you need help.**

**Psalm 116:17 (NKJV)** I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord.