



In the Shadow of the Almighty

Psalm 91

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Overview: The purpose of this Psalm is to elevate the hopes of the people of God as they face troubles that would otherwise break their spirits. Regardless of the nature of such troubles, their timing, or potential impact, those who trust in the Lord have every reason to abandon their fears by taking God at His word and calling upon Him in their time of need. The Lord promises deliverance and protection by His own power and through angelic means, thus committing Himself to His people at all times. If such grand statements fail to meet with our own experience, we should bear in mind that our relationship with the Lord cannot be nominal; our exposure to evil may not be minimal; our application of these promises is not trivial; and our expectation of salvation is not temporal.

01. If you are feeling afraid during this time, ask the Lord to be your refuge and your strength; call upon Him in your time of trouble; and rest assured that His promises are true.

02. If you are losing hope during this time, remember that a little faith goes a long way and that the Lord is more committed to you than you are committed to Him.

1. What does it mean to “dwell in the shelter of the Most High” and to “abide in the shadow of the Almighty” (verse 1)? How does this description of the true Christian differ from that of nominal Christianity? How does adversity work to expose our lack of trust or confirm our trust in the Lord?
2. How does this Psalm function to elevate our confidence in the Lord? As you read it, are you impressed by the poetic beauty of its stanzas? How does the wording of this Psalm (i.e., God as refuge and fortress) help us to accurately describe the greatness of God and the security of believers in Him?
3. As you read this Psalm, do you think it promises more than God actually delivers (see verses 9-10)? Why is it important for us to acknowledge the truths of this Psalm even when Christians experience difficulty, die during plagues, and are not always delivered from such struggles in this lifetime?
4. Note the role of angels in ministering to us on God’s behalf (verses 11-13). Since God is omnipresent, omniscient, and omnipotent, why do you think He includes the ministry of angels on our behalf? How can we rightly recognize the ministry of angels (though virtually unknown to us at the time) while giving full credit for our safety and salvation to the Lord alone? See Hebrews 1 for further insight.
5. In what way does the use of this text by Satan during the temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:5-7) function as a warning not to presume upon God with our safety? How would you respond to someone who suggests that God’s people are entirely immune from danger because of such promises in this Psalm?

For Further Reading: Elisabeth Elliot, *Shadow of the Almighty* (Harper, 1958; Hendrickson, 1989).



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A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Verse 1

A might fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amidst the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great
and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
Were not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
The Lord of Hosts His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the battle

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him

Chorus

A mighty fortress
A Rock unfailing
The King of Glory, forever Amen!

For endless ages enthroned in praises
The King of Glory, forever Amen!

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever
Forever and ever
(Chorus)

WHOM SHALL I FEAR (GOD OF ANGEL ARMIES)

Verse 1

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always be my side
The One Who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory

Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
(Chorus)

Bridge
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful, You are faithful (2x)

Chorus
I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always be my side
The One Who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side (2x)

HEALER

Verse 1
You hold my every moment
You calm my raging seas
You walk with me through fire
And heal all my disease
I trust in You, I trust in You

Chorus
I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need
(back to Verse 1 - first time)

Bridge
Nothing is impossible for You
Nothing is impossible
Nothing is impossible for You
You hold my world in Your hands (2x)

Chorus
I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need

Tag
More than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need
more than enough for me

GOD LEADS US ALONG

Verse 1
In shady, green pastures
So right and so sweet
God leads his dear children along
Where the water's cool flow bathes the weary ones feet
God leads his dear children along

Chorus
Some through the waters, some through the flood
Some through the fire, but all through the blood
Some through great sorrow, but God gives a song
In the night season and all the day long

Verse 2
Sometimes on the mount where the sun shines so bright
God leads his dear children along
Sometimes in the valley, in the darkest of night
God leads his dear children along (*chorus*)

Verse 3
Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose
God leads his dear children along
Through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes
God leads his dear children along (*chorus*)

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Verse 1

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my life is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Verse 2

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*chorus*)

Verse 3

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Til our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last (*chorus*)

YOU NEVER LET GO

Verse 1

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh no, You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on earth
(*pre-chorus*)
(*chorus*)

Bridge

Yes I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to this troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You