

Keeping Close to God

Psalm 91:5-16

- I. Keeping close to God will keep you from fear (v. 5-6)
 - A. You will not be afraid of terror by night
 - 1. Darkness tends to intensify our fears because our ability to survive is so dependent upon our ability to see
 - 2. The Christian is someone who believes in life after death
 - B. You will not be afraid of the arrow that flies by day
 - 1. The enemy of your soul doesn't rest in firing his arrows of doubt
- II. Keeping close to God will keep you from falling (vs. 7-8)
 - A. Having done everything, you will be able to keep standing (v. 7)
 - 1. When the child of God puts on their spiritual armor they're exempted from equal exposure to certain evils
 - 2. When the people around you start dropping like flies it's all the more tempting to give up, but you MUST NOT!
 - B. The child who walks with God has astonishing hindsight (v. 8)
 - 1. Envy of the wicked is a sure sign of spiritual myopia (near-sighted)
 - 2. When we're all gathered to God looking back at our lives, we will see clearly that God was always working His best on our behalf.
- III. Keeping close to God will keep you from failure (vs. 9-13)
 - A. God is the believer's refuge & dwelling place (v. 9)
 - 1. The city of refuge was a place to run when you were in trouble
 - 2. We make the Lord our dwelling place by choosing to rest our mind in the hope that only He can give.
 - 3. God is the One who places us into His family.
 - B. The believer doesn't have to fear harm when they know God as their refuge & dwelling place (v. 10)
 - C. God keeps you from failure by giving His angels charge o/ you (v. 11)
 - 1. We need protection everywhere we go (v. 11b-12)
 - a There are a lot of stumbling blocks in the Christian's path
 - b We trust the Lord, not test the Lord (*Matt. 4:6*)
 - D. The serpent of old will not be able to trample you (v. 13)
- IV. Keeping close to God will give you satisfaction (v. 14-16)
 - A. You will know & love God (v. 14)
 - 1. God cannot keep Himself from being faithful to His children
 - 2. To know God's name is to be intimately acquainted w/ His character
 - B. Your prayers will be answered (vs. 15)
 - C. You will live a satisfying life (v. 16)
 - D. Jesus is the only One who has perfectly trusted God