

# 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