

Keeping Close to God

Psalm 91:1-4

- I. Stay close to God (vs. 1-2)
 - A. God offers you shelter in His shadow (v. 1)
 - 1. God is supremely sovereign *"Most High/Almighty"*
 - a He is superior in power, strength, and authority.
 - b If God is all-powerful (Almighty) then He is in full control
 - 2. The most secure place a Christian can be is His shelter
 - B. Trust His protection (v. 2)
 - 1. Trusting God will allow you to move forward in frightening circumstances
- II. Look to God for protection (vs. 3-4)
 - A. God promises to deliver His own (v. 3)
 - 1. God gets involved when His kids are falling into traps
 - 2. The enemy of your soul is setting traps for you this moment (v.3)
 - a God will turn around the most terrible events of His children's lives
 - b From God's perspective, all the evil intentions of evil doers will ultimately be thwarted, even if only in eternity
 - B. Satan wants you to believe that If you trust God life will go smoothly
 - a If you believe that God that God promises to never allow you to suffer you will be deeply disappointed, pull back from God, & never come to know the powerful promise that is here.
 - C. God allows His people suffer with the rest of the world for His own purpose
 - 1. Sometimes God takes His people away by one great judgment to spare them from many others that are coming upon the world.
 - 2. God's judgment upon His people doesn't alter His love for them
 - D. God promises to protect His own (v. 4)
 - 1. God hedges His own people like a mother bird covers her kids
 - 2. His hand is upon the lives of His people
- III. God promises to be with His own in the midst of trouble (vs. 14-16)
 - A. God shelters us from the ultimate judgement
 - 1. How does a mother bird protect her young from predators?
 - 2. Jesus put Himself between His people and the wrath of God when He allowed Himself to be crucified.
 - B. God is giving us all a unique opportunity