

## Psalm 91      Unknown Author

### ***Real trust in the LORD***

<sup>1</sup> I believe in Jesus Christ, the Messiah<sup>1</sup>. In fact, I have enough confidence in Him that I now dwell within the secret place of shelter where I find real protection. This place can only be found by trusting in the name that is above all names, Jesus Christ. As a result, I now reside under the shadow of the God who is above all gods, Jesus Christ, the Almighty, and it is His protective hand that covers me. <sup>2</sup> I love to tell Him every day that He is the place where I can hide for safety from the world. He is my strong defense against my enemies, and He is the God I trust with all of my being.

### ***The benefits you will receive if you trust the LORD as I have trusted Him***

<sup>3</sup> My friend, if you trust in the LORD like I do, you will find that He is the One who will rescue you from the traps set for you by your enemies, and from the deadly diseases that result from the sinful vices in which the world and its participants desire to include you. <sup>4</sup> When you flee to Him, you will be privileged to take cover under His wings where you will find safety, just like a little chick when it hides under its mother's wings. Yet, He is much better than a mother hen because He will totally surround you with protection that is completely reliable. You can count on it every moment of the day. <sup>5</sup> When you put your trust in the LORD, you will gain such a settled peace that you will not be terrified of any of these:

1) the horrible things that could happen to you at night while you sleep,

2) the stray bullet or other disasters labeled "to whom it may concern" that could happen to you during the day while you are awake,

<sup>6</sup> 3) the contagious diseases that lurk around every corner for those who indulge in sin's fancies in the darkness, or

4) the ruin and utter devastation that could happen to you during the brightest part of the day.

<sup>7</sup> Multiplied thousands of people may abandon the LORD and fall prey to sin all around you only to be overcome by their enemy, the devil. Ah, but such a dreadful thing will not happen to you. <sup>8</sup> If you consistently trust in the LORD's care, you will not experience any of sin's consequences, but you will live to see sin's consequences destroy those who are guilty of pursuing sinful practices. <sup>9</sup> My LORD is Jesus Christ, the God who is above all gods. If you have made Him your LORD and God as well, <sup>10</sup> 1) you will not experience the same pain, misery, or catastrophes that the ungodly experience as a result of their sinful thoughts and actions, 2) you will not contract any of the infectious diseases the wicked share with each other, <sup>11</sup> and 3) you will be free from these things because God has commanded His angels to guard you during all of your activities. <sup>12</sup> These celestial beings will hold you securely within the palm of their hands. Yes, they will protect you from being physically injured by something you do to yourself, <sup>13</sup> and from injury or death inflicted by wild beasts, snakes, or other things beyond your control.

## ***The LORD's loving response to trusting in Him***

<sup>14</sup> The LORD Himself said,

“Because David loves Me enough to entrust his life and future into My hands, I will rescue him out of his troubles and set him in an elevated place where his enemies cannot harm him. I will do this because he is intimately acquainted with Me and My reputation. He knows that I am a faithful protector of all those who love and trust Me. <sup>15</sup> When he calls upon Me for help I will answer him and will be with him through all of his trials. Although his ears will not physically hear My response, when I draw him out of his dilemma and once again restore him to a place of honor, he will clearly see that I was the One who did it. <sup>16</sup> I will make sure that he dies an old man, fully satisfied with life. Then in the next life, after his body is dead and in the grave, his soul will be with Me in heaven to enjoy the blessings of My salvation for all eternity.”

<sup>1</sup> In John 14:6 Christ said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me.” Therefore, the name “the Messiah, Jesus Christ” has been used for “LORD.”

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