

Ezekiel Ministry

We Have Nothing to Fear

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Every January God gives me a scripture that is my scripture for the year. One year my scripture was Habakkuk 2:1, “I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.” That year was a year that God corrected some of my thinking. It was a year of learning more about God. It was a year of listening and obeying God’s voice. The next year God gave me Habakkuk 3:17-19, “Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation! The Sovereign Lord is my strength! He makes me as surefooted as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.” This was learning to trust God no matter what happens or is happening. We must give it all to God. This January God gave me Psalm 91, I did not know that it would fit with a year of a pandemic and a year of change in our world. This Psalm is one of the greatest Psalms. Every time I read this Psalm; I can feel the loving Spirit of God telling me how much He loves me. I want us to look closer at this Psalm and mediate on it as we realize that because of God we have nothing to fear.

“Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.” Psalm 91:1-2

If we are to have this protection we must live in God’s shelter. This protection does not apply to everyone; it only applies to the ones that are walking close to God, the ones that are living in the shadow of God. If we are living in the shadow of God, we will find rest. This rest that we will find is the peace that God gives us; the peace that we just don’t understand why we have such wonderful peace when all is falling around us. A refuge is a place of safety we can run to. It is secure and comforting. It is a place where there is no condemnation, no pressure. It is a place of love and acceptance. It is a fortress, a place where we can live in where the enemy cannot get at us, but we can attack him and know that we are protected.

“For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.” Psalm 91:3

God’s promise is to deliver us from those who would try to trap us and harm us. As we go through this pandemic, God will protect us. We do use common sense, because we should not tempt God by being foolish. We live our lives not in fear, but in knowing that God has us in His hands.

“He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.” Psalm 91:4

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.” Matthew 23:27 All we need to do is allow God to protect us. God’s desire is to love us and care for us. We are His children and as we always want to protect our children, He wants to protect us. We rest on God’s promises.

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:10-12

“Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.” Psalm 91:5-6

Things are more frightening or worrying in the night. This verse does not deny that terror comes at night, but it tells us not to be afraid. We have the promises of God. When the fear comes, pray and think on God. Things happen out of the blue. Trouble can spring up out of nowhere, but God is still in control. The spread of a deadly epidemic can happen anytime, just as the one that we are having now. You are not alone in the darkness; God is with you. “This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth.” 1 John 1:5-6

“Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished.” Psalm 91:7-8

We may see other people falling into these awful situations, but these things will not affect us if we are walking and living with God. We will see what happens to the ones that don’t know Jesus, but we will not experience it ourselves. We live in Jesus trusting God and all His promises and declaring them, we have absolute victory.

“If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.” Psalm 91:9-10

This is just a reminder that God is our refuge and shelter. If we live in God’s shelter, we will have victory over the world.

“For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.” Psalm 91:11-12

I believe in angels. I have seen too many things happen that if there had not been an angel protecting, it could have been a disaster. My son had a car wreck several years ago. He believes that he would have died if it had not been for an angel. I know God sends angels for our protection, because at times we don’t have the common sense to protect ourselves.

“He was the answer to my prayer.

Oh, I believe there are Angels Among Us,
Sent down to us from somewhere up above.
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live
To teach us how to give
To guide us with a light of love.
When life held troubled times.” (Don Goodman)

“You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!” Psalm 91:13

We can deal with any danger that tries to come against us, not just avoid it but trample it under foot. “So, humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.” 1 Peter 5:6-9

“To God be the Glory we have the victory! The Lord says, “I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. I will reward them with a long life” Psalm 91:14-16

God says that He will rescue those who love Him. To set our love on God, mean that we have made a choice to love God and follow Him. His love drives out all fear. “Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.” 1 John 4:18 God’s love is perfect love and with this love we have nothing to fear. God says that He will honor us. He will set us on high. God is the best promoter. Don’t promote yourself. Let God do the promoting. If we are walking with God and obeying His voice, He will promote us.

During this time that we have been going through, this Psalm has given me peace. It is on my desk and I read it often. If you are fearful during this pandemic read this Psalm and realize that God loves you and wants to protect you. We live in a changing world and the only thing that will not fail you is God. He is the firm foundation.

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