

5. Choose To Receive His Provision

Verse 11-12 - *For He will give His angels [special] charge over you to accompany and defend and preserve you in all your ways [of obedience and service]. They shall bear you up on their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone. [Luke 4,10,11]*

- [Heb.1:14] Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the same of those who will inherit salvation?

Verse 13 - *You shall tread on the lion and adder (cobra); the young lion and the serpent (Dragon in KJV) You will trample down.*

- **“Lion Problems** - bold, loud and forthright – comes out in the open and hits us face on – seems insurmountable
- **“Cobra problems”** – sneaks up like a snake in the grass (undercover attack)
- **“Young Lions”** can grow into full-grown-problems if we don’t handle them. – harassment – like little foxes
- **“Dragon problems”** – Unfounded fears (figment of ones imagination)

- Jesus has given us authority [Luke 10;19 Authority]
- There is power in the Name of Jesus [Phil 2:9-11]
- There is power in the Blood of Jesus [1 Cor 2:7,8]
- There is power in the Word of God [Heb 4:12]

6. Choose To Love His Presence

Verse 14-16. *Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him on high because He has known My name. He shall call on Me and I will answer Him; I will be with Him in distress; I will rescue Him and honor Him. I will satisfy him with length of days, and will make Him see My salvation.*

- Acts 4:12. - *And there is salvation in and through no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by and in which we must be saved.*
- Psalm 119:114 - *“Thou art my hiding place, my shield: I hope in thy word”.*

HAVE YOU DISCOVERED YOUR SECRET PLACE?

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Psalm 91, AMP – (1) *He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand]. (2) I will say of the Lord. He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust! (3) For [then] He will deliver you from the snare (trap) of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence (diseases). (4) [Then] He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings shall you trust and find refuge; His truth and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler. (5) You shall not fear the terror of night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; (6) of the plague that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction laying waste at noonday. (7) A thousand shall fall by your side, and 10,000 at your right hand; it shall not come near you. (8) Only with your eyes you shall look, and see the reward of the wicked. (9) Because You, O Jehovah, are My refuge; You make the Most High Your habitation. (10) No evil shall happen to You, nor shall any plague come near Your tent. (11) For He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You in all Your ways. (12) They shall bear You up in their hands, that You not dash Your foot on a stone. (13) You shall tread on the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent You shall trample under foot. (14) Because He has set His love on Me, therefore I will deliver Him; I will set Him on high because He has known My name. (15) He shall call on Me and I will answer Him; I will be with Him in distress; I will rescue Him and honor Him. (16) I will satisfy him with length of days, and will make Him see My salvation.*

DO I HAVE ACCESS TO THE SECRET PLACE?

What we need to know:

- *We have a right-standing with God, it is His righteousness not ours*
- *In Isaiah 64:6 God said: Our righteousness are as filthy rags”*
- *We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus*
- *God says: We are the “Apple of His eye”*

Because of what Jesus has done for us:

- *“The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry” Ps. 34:15:*
- *He, Himself is a literal place of refuge where we can be physically protected when we are willing to run to Him.*
- *We have a relationship with the Father” – (our Love Walk).*
- *So we know all things are possible to them that **believe**. [Mark 9:23]*

HOW DO WE STAY IN THAT SECRET PLACE?

1. Choose To Dwell

Verse 1 - He who *dwells* in the secret place of the Most High shall remain stable and fixed under the shadow of the Almighty [Whose power no foe can withstand].

2. Choose To Declare

Verse 2 - *I will say of the Lord. He is my Refuge and my Fortress, my God; on Him I lean and rely, and in Him I [confidently] trust!*

- *Declare – proclaim, / speak / meditate on the word (Josh 1:8)*
- *Profess your confession, say it out loud*
- *So, let us therefore, **come boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb 4:15,16) (KJV)*

3. Choose To Receive Help (Deliverance)

Verse 3 - *For [then] He will deliver you from the snare (trap) of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence (diseases).*

- *2 Cor. 2:11: “not to be ignorant of the schemes (traps) of the enemy.*
- *2 Cor. 10:4-5: For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. V5. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ, ESV – (Eng. Standard Ver)*
- *What is the noisome (deadly) pestilence:*
- *Attacks people not crops “any virulent or fatal disease; an epidemic that hits the masses of people – any deadly disease that attaches itself to one’s body with the intent to destroy*
- **Matt 8:16** *And when evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons, and He drove out the spirits with a word and restored to health all who were sick. (AMP)*
- **Matt 8:17** *And thus He fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, He Himself took our weaknesses and infirmities and bore away our diseases. (Isa.53:4)(AMP)*

4. Choose To Stay Under His Protection

- *Are we under his wings: It is a choice!*

Verse 4 - [Then] He will cover you with His pinions (feathers), and under His wings shall *you trust* and find refuge; His truth (Word) and His faithfulness are a shield and a buckler (Bulwark).

- **Bulwark:** A tower built along a city wall from which defenders shoot arrows and hurl large stones at the enemy.”
- *As the eagle stirs up its nest; it hovers over its young; it spreads out its wings and takes it, and bears it on its wing. **Deut 32:11***

Verse 5-6 - (5) *You shall not fear the terror of night, nor of the arrow that flies by day; (6) of the plague that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction laying waste at noonday.*

- the terror of night, (demonic dreams, nightmares)
- the arrow that flies by day - (offences-rebellion or fear) - (aimed at where your mind is not renewed)
- the plague that walks in darkness,
- the destruction laying waste at noonday (natural disasters, tornadoes, floods, fires, car wrecks)
- *Ps 118:6 - The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?*
- *Fear comes: (1) when we think we are responsible for bringing about this protection our self. (2) When we are confessing something other than “God’s word” (3) When our eyes are not on God (4) When we walk by sight - 2 Cor.5:7 We walk by faith, not by sight.*

Verse 7-10 - *A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not come near you. Only a spectator shall you be [yourself inaccessible in the secret place of the Most High] as you witness the reward of the wicked. Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most high your dwelling place, (Ps.1, 14) There shall no evil befall you, nor any plague or calamity come near your tent.*

- The Gift of obedience delivers us from evil (e.g. the Lord’s prayer):
- [Deut.31.6] Be strong, courageous, and firm; fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you.

CONCLUSION:

Things that can hinder us from experiencing God's protection:

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Think about what you are thinking about
- **Self-well** – *I will do it my way – impatience – mistrust - unbelief*
- **Rebellion** – *building a wall between God and us*
- **Unfaithful** - *“If we are faithful , He remains faithful: for He cannot deny himself. IITim.2.13*

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