

1 **PROTECTING YOUR HOME**

PSALM 91 – PART 2

2 3 **SATAN'S PLAN OF ATTACK**

- Attacks Business and Income (Job 1:14-15)
- Attacks Possessions and Financial Reserve (Job 1:17)
- Attacks Family (Job 1:18-19)
- Attacks Health (Job 2:5-8)

4 **BENEFITS OF A PROTECTIVE HEDGE**

- Hosea 2:6ff.
 - Protects us from the wrong direction
 - Protects us from wrong relationships
 - Prevents completion of sinful desires
 - Restores right relationships

5 **PREREQUISITES FOR PROTECTION**

- Right relationship to self (moral integrity = "perfect")
- Right relationship to others ("upright")
- Right relationship to God ("fearing God")
- Right view of evil ("eschewing evil")

6 **THE PRAYER OF PROTECTION**

Job's prayer for his family worked so well that Satan complained that God had put a hedge around Job's family (Job 1:10)

7 **THE PRAYER OF JOB**

- Job 1:5 -- *Then when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send, and he would sanctify them. Thus he would arise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of all of them, because Job thought, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their heart." This is what Job used to do all the time.*

8 **DID JOB'S PRAYER REALLY WORK?**

- Job's children died.
- Satan himself acknowledged that Job's prayers had caused God to put a hedge of protection around Job and his family.
 - Job 1:10 -- *Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*

9 **PRAY A HEDGE AROUND YOUR FAMILY**

- Example of
 - Job
 - Hosea

10 **PLACE OF PROTECTION**

Psalm 91

11 **PSALM 91:1-2**

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: My God; in him will I trust.

12 **1. PROTECTION IN A PERSON**

- Reverence – “the most High”
- Resting – “the Almighty”
 - Akkadian word “shadu” – for a majestic mountain
 - *Shaddai* = the one who supplies all our needs
- Revelation “the LORD” = YHWH
- Ruling – “Elohim” – we are to submit to His authority

13 **2. PROTECTION IN A PLACE**

- *He that dwelleth in the secret place*
 - Holiest of holies (Tabernacle, Temple)
 - Dwelleth = “a confident resting”

14 **THE SECRET PLACE**15 **A PRIVILEGED PLACE**

- Shelter from enemies
 - Secret place could apply to any place where someone was hidden for their protection
- Solitude for restoration – Elijah’s room
 - *All I want is to retreat a little from my daily concerns...to enter into the cell of my mind and exclude all but God.* -- Anselm
- Safety from loss – Safe

16 **GOD HIDES US IN THE SECRET PLACE**

- Ps 17:8 † *Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,*
- Ps 27:5 *For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.*

17 **GOD HIDES US IN THE SECRET PLACE (2)**

- Ps 31:19-20 *Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.*
- Ps 32:7 † *Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.*

18 **GOD HIDES US IN THE SECRET PLACE (3)**

- Ps 64:2 *Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:*
- Ps 119:114 *Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word.*
- Ps 143:9 *Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me.*
- Isa 32:2 *And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.*

19 3. PROTECTION IN A PROMISE

- "Shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty"
 - "Abide" = "Passing the Night" = Security and rest in time of darkness
 - Shadow
 - Necessitates closeness or proximity to God -- to be in His presence is to be close enough to be covered by His shadow
 - Song of Songs 2:3 -- *I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.*

20 4. PROTECTION IN A PROFESSION

- We must claim Christ as our own to experience the protections of God
- "MY refuge and fortress"
 - Every animal flees to a thicket, hole, den, etc.
 - We must flee to Jehovah – Jesus Christ
 - An unassailable fortress
 - Better than the walls of Jericho which were 32' thick and 180' high

21 LEARN TO BE STILL IN THE LORD

- 2 Chronicles 20:17 -- "*Set yourselves, stand ye still and see the salvation of the Lord with you O Judah and Jerusalem"*
- Isaiah 30:7 *For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.*

22 THE LORD = A STRONG REFUGE

- Ps 71:3 *Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.*
- Ps 142:5 *I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.*
- De 32:30 *How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had shut them up?*

23 THE LORD = A STRONG REFUGE (2)

- De 32:31 *For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.*
- De 33:27 *The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee;*
- De 33:29 *Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.*
- Pr 18:10 † *The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe*

24 **5. PROTECTION IN PROXIMITY**

- Psalm 91:4 -- *He shall cover thee with his feathers, And under his wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.*

25 **A NOTE ON SHADOWS**

- Two types of sunlight:
 - UVA (A for AGING) – When your shadow is longer than you
 - UVB (B for BURNING or BENEFICIAL) – When your shadow is shorter than you

26 **SECURE DEVOTION (91:4)**

- Hen covering chicks under feet
- Four blessings of being under the wings:
 - Protection from the attack of the hawks and kites = powers of the air
 - Concealment
 - Refreshment from shade
 - Nourished and cherished

27 **SHIELD OF DEFENSE (91:4)**

- *“Double armor has he who relies upon the Lord. He bears a shield and wears an all surrounding coat of mail—such is the force of the word ‘buckler.’ To quench fiery darts the truth is a most effectual shield, and to blunt all swords it is an equally effectual coat of mail (buckler)”*

28 **STAYED PEACE (91:5-6)**

- Peace that does not yield to circumstances
- Psalm 91:5-6 -- *Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; Nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.*

29 **TERROR BY NIGHT**

- This is the unexpected enemy that attacks without warning; the unseen danger
- Old Testament had specific laws regarding self-defense
 - Exodus 22:2 *–If a thief is found breaking in and is struck so that he dies, there shall be no bloodguilt for him*

30 **ARROW THAT FLIES BY DAY**

- This is the known enemy who attacks in ambush or silence.
 - Arabs refer to pestilence as the “arrow” of God
 - Could be those who try each day to take away our rights as Christians or citizens through subterfuge
 - Could be the person who slanders you privately

31 **PESTILENCE THAT WALKS IN DARKNESS**

- Men do not SEE how pestilence spreads
- This is the problem that comes out of nowhere with no warning and seems unexplainable
- Can include, but is not limited to, physical suffering

32 **AUTISM (1)**33 **AUTISM (2)**34 **AUTISM (3)**

- Currently 1 in 68 children
- By 2025: 1 in 2 children
- Causes
 - Vaccinations
 - Glyphosates (Roundup) in food
 - Acetaminophen
 - Fluoride

35 **BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER**36 **BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER (2)**37 38 39 40 **ALUMINUM IN VACCINES**41 42 **FLUORIDE / CHLORINE / BROMINE SUPPLANT IODINE IN THYROID**43 **ABOUT "PESTILENCE"**

- While we looked at some physical pestilence, there is also dangers of spiritual pestilence.
- Be alert to "infections" in your home!
 - The movies you watch
 - The magazines / books you read
 - The games you play
 - The friends you keep

44 **A NOTE ON THESE DANGERS**

- The Psalmist says we do not have to be afraid of the terror by night, the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that walks in darkness.
- He does NOT say that none of these things will ever happen to us! So we my have to go through them, but we need not fear them.
- Why? Because the God whom we fear is greater!

45 **SO, NOW TO ACTION**

- Ask God to put a hedge around your family
- A spiritual hedge – to protect from backsliding and error
- A hedge to protect against:
 - Terror by night – unseen, surprising enemies

- Arrow by day – Known enemies who ambush
- Pestilence that walks in darkness – Physical and spiritual sources of infection
- Ask God to make you alert to dangers!