

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

PSALM 91

Psalm 91

Psalm ninety-one is a song, prayer and praise for the protection and provision of safety of the Most High God, the Almighty. There is a great promise here and is much akin to Psalm 90. The psalmist begins with a truth that has been revealed to him. The one who "dwells" is a special term that is hardly conveyed in the English text. The Hebrew is the root to "sit" in the sense of "sitting at someone's feet" and learning. It is the root of the word for the place where Jewish students have studied at the feet of rabbis and learned the truth of the TNK (TaNaK, the Torah, the Nebi'im and the Ketuvim). In modern language it is the place of study called the "Yeshiva." The one who sits at the feet of God Himself and is a learner, not just a hearer, but one who obeys. That one is in the place of protection. This is the same word, "secret" that is used in Psalm 139:15, when God placed the unborn child in the protection of the womb and did that in "secret" and no one still to this day understands how it all works. While the process may be observed, no one can duplicate it as God does it.

The one who sits at the feet of the Almighty, soaking in the Words of God and applying them to life, will have the privilege of lodging with God in the evening and nighttime when terror strikes the heart. The "shadow" is a word picture of "darkness coming over someone", as in a person sitting and a person stands over them and casts a shadow to guard and protect. Who is the one casting the shadow? It is none other than El Shaddai! El Shaddai is the name God used to reveal Himself to Abraham when giving him the sign of the covenant in circumcision in Genesis 17:1. The word "Almighty" is from a word that has a root in the term mountain, not as "har" as a physical mountain. Rather a mountain as in a woman's breast for feeding, giving life giving colostrum and later milk. It is the word which refers to "sufficiency." God is sufficient to meet the need of anything that comes our way.

Prayer and Action Steps

Lord, help me to sit at your feet and trust in your protection, under your shadow and feed on your sufficiency. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?
