

(Psalm 91) Beneath the Shadow of Your Wings

- All psalms are precious – some commend themselves to our comfort
- Psalm 91 is similar to Psalm 46: “God is our refuge & strength”
- Comparison Psalm 91 & Psalm 90: both call God “our dwelling place”

I. The Psalmist’s Personal Faith in God (vv.1-2)

- Vs 1 sets the theme; the rest of the psalm will unfold what this means
- Vs 2 great confession of trust in our Lord & God (Thomas: John 20:28)
- Four words describe our security in God: “secret place” “shadow” (v.1) & our “refuge” & “fortress” (v.2).

II. The Psalmist Exhorts Us to Put Our Trust in God (vv.3-8)

- Vs 3 Says that God will save the soul from two kinds of dangers
 - 1) Subtle snare of enemies, described: snare of the fowler to catch birds
 - 2) Death by disease / pestilence (see v.3 &6) God’s merciful protection
- Vs 4 two inviting images of protection 1) mother bird 2) Soldier’s shield
- Vs 7-8. Thousands of enemies falling: left & right of those trust in God

III. God Protects Us in Dangerous Times: The Condition (vv.9-11)

- “No evil shall befall you...no plague shall come near your dwelling”¹⁰
- Vs 11 The devil quotes this verse to Jesus (**Matt 4:1-11; Lk 4:1-13**)

IV. The Promises of God Are for Those Who Trust Him (vv.12-17)

- 1) Protection for the one who is in danger (v.14)
- 2) God answers the one who is in trouble & trusts Him about it (v.15)
- 3) Long life & salvation for the one who seeks God’s satisfaction (v.16)