

Psalm 91:11

HE GIVES HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE

I. The fact.

- A. Angels are God-created spirits (Heb. 1:7) which did not fall into sin with Satan and who are at God's command.
 - 1. Among their God-given callings is to "keep" (watch, guard, protect) God's children: "ministering spirits" (Heb.1:14).
 - 2. That they bear us up in their hands (12) indicates their strength, but especially their tender care as a nurse-maid.
- B. This psalm emphasizes the careful attention given to the preservation of salvation within each elect child of God.
 - 1. Within us is the life of Jesus, something so precious that it is guarded/protected from being destroyed by an evil power.
 - 2. We are kept spiritually alive, kept from the sin unto death, and from falling into the snares of the devil (Ps. 17:8; 25:20; 41:2).

II. The honor.

- A. Consider the high privilege which is yours: God Himself concerns Himself about you.
- B. Consider the honor because this keeping is done by "His angels."
- C. Each one of God's children are personally protected: "thee."
- D. God's use of angels to protect His children is perpetual: "in ALL thy ways."
- E. This great privilege is ours by Jesus Christ, for He is the ladder on whose rungs the angels go up and down (John 1:51).

III. There are implied callings.

- A. Those who continually behold God's face condescend to do such humble a deed as watching us sinners.
- B. How safe and happy ought we to be when we know that God's angels take care of us, that we never need be afraid.
 - 1. Therefore resort to Him and to Him alone in every trouble; confide in no other refuge.
 - 2. In light of all the protection He promises, how ungrateful if we are not satisfied with such full promises!
- C. How holy ought we to be with such holy beings watching over us.