God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

THE SECRET PLACE

MIDWEEK SERVICE | THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Psalm 91:1-15 *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide* under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. 3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. 4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; 6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. 7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. 8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. 12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.

- Word of encouragement: "Let's not waste a serious crisis."
- This chapter shows us three realities during uncertain times

1. The reality of the _____ in the world.

What are some of the crises that we find here?

- The _____ of the enemy (vs 3)
- The noisome _____ (vs 3)
- "The Terror" by night (______ itself) (5)
- Arrows (______ attacks of the enemy) (5)
- Pestilence in the _____ (invisible disease) (vs 6)

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- ______ at noon (vs 6)
- _____ (1000 on one side, and 10,000 at the other side) (7)
- _____ of any kind (vs 15)

Times of certainty and crises are a part of life. If they're not here now, they may and will come.

2. The reality of the _____ of the Christian

• Where do we see confidence found? It's found under the ______ of the Almighty.

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

As our shadow, God is our:

- Refuge and _____ (vs 2)
- "My ____" (vs 2)
- _____ from a trap or from pestilence (vs 3)
- Our _____ (vs 4)
- Our parental _____ (vs 5)
- Our _____ and buckler (vs 4)
- Our _____ (vs 5)
- Our _____ (vs 6)
- Our _____ (vs 15)

Psalm 42:11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

• God says, "perilous, dangerous, uncertain times WILL come. During these times, I want to be the shadow that covers you in all these ways."

3. The reality of the _____ for help

How can I get this confidence? How can I have the Lord as my shadow? Where can I find this peace?

Psalm 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The criteria is to dwell in the secret place of the Lord. But where is this secret place?

Psalm 31:20 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.

Psalm 32:7 Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.

Psalm 61:3-4 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

Psalm 90:1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

How do I dwell in the secret place?

1. By abiding in His _____

Psalm 91:9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

2. By setting our _____ upon Him

John 14:15-16 *If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

3. By calling out to Him in _____

Psalm 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalm 145:18 The LORD is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Philippians 4:6-7 *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto*