

Praying the Psalms "Prayer of Perseverance"

Psalm 91

Theme Text

Psalm 46:1,10 (ESV) – ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble...¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Main Text

Psalm 91:1-16 (ESV) – ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place – the Most High, who is my refuge – ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. ¹⁴ "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵ When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Big Idea – The Lord is Your Refuge...He Renews and Restores, He Preserves and Protects

Three Prayers of Perseverance

Prayer #1 – Lord, Renew Me as My Refuge and Strengthen Me as My Shield

Psalm 91:1-4 (ESV) – ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

Prayer #2 – Lord, Replace My Fear with Faith and Preserve Me as My Protector

Psalm 91:5-10 (ESV) – ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place – the Most High, who is my refuge – ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

Prayer #3 – Lord, Guard Me in All My Ways and Lead Me to Live a Life that Honors You

Psalm 91:11-16 (ESV) – ¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. ¹²On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. ¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. ¹⁴“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name. ¹⁵When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

Memory Verse

Psalm 46:10 (ESV) – ¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

Challenge:

You are called to consistently apply the divine principles and truths found in the Word of God. Take the next step in your study by (1) Discussing and applying the sermon with your small group, (2) Participating in a Sunday School class, or (3) Study through the study guide found at the Connection Point.