

The Promises of that Place

Psalm 91: 1-2

We have read from a Psalm this morning that bears no title. There is no degree of certainty who has written this particular Psalm or what circumstances prompted its writing. It seems apparent that it is a Psalm of worship, thanksgiving, and gladness for the provision of God during a time of difficulty.

Regardless of the human author, there are precious promises revealed that we all can claim. I hope that we all can relate to the verses we've read. Our lives are ever changing, from the spring of our youth, to the autumn of our golden years; with each day bringing new challenges and opportunities.

We experience the comforts of home, family, and friends, as well as, the unknown surprises of an uncertain future. For the child of God there is an Anchor of the soul upon the sea of life; a place where the storms cease and rest is found. It is a place where the goodness of God abounds, an oasis in a dry and barren land.

This is a special place beside the Lord. Within that place are treasures untold. It is there that we find exactly what we need. I rejoice because of that place beside the Lord. Much of life involves change, but there is a place that is ever constant in my life. I would like to remind us of the [satisfactions](#) we have in the Lord as we consider: [The Promises of that Place](#).

I. A Sustainable Place (1) – [He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.](#) The Psalmist reminds us that he that [dwelleth](#) shall [abide](#). These are interesting words. The word [dwelleth](#) means to “ *dwell, to remain or inhabit a certain place.*” The word [abide](#) means “*to lodge, to make a place one’s home.*” This presents the idea of a permanent dwelling, a place where one spends a great deal of time; a place where one is comfortable and feels at home.

- We have all had those times in life when we couldn't wait to get out of a certain place, a place where we were uncomfortable and just didn't “fit in.” This has never been the case with that place beside the Lord. It is always a place of joy and refreshment for my soul.
- I can assure you of one thing, if you get in the presence of the Lord, you will be in no hurry to leave. (You will want to feast at the table, drink every drop, hang on every word, and watch His every move.) I have experienced His presence and that is the place where I desire to dwell. I want to have that sweet fellowship with Him on a daily basis.

- The Lord provides what this world cannot! In Him is joy everlasting. Of all the places that I have been, a place beside the Lord is the best. This is what the Lord desires for us, that we might dwell with Him. [Rev.3:20 – Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.](#)

- I have never found my Lord to be lacking in His provision for me. I have been saved for several years and I still long to be in the presence of my Lord. I never grow tired of His tender mercies and the peace that He gives! There is a place by the Lord for all to dwell if only they will come unto Him. Once you've found that place drive some stakes, set up housekeeping, and determine in your heart to remain there until the Lord calls for you! (Each Tribe received an inheritance in Canaan; each family received a parcel of land. There is a place for us to dwell. When you find yours, stake a claim.)

I. A Sustainable Place (1)

II. A Desirable Place (1) – Did you notice where the Psalmist spoke of dwelling and abiding? He wanted to dwell [in the secret place of the most High](#). That alone is enough to rejoice about. The secret place is a special place, a prominent place near the King! It speaks of that place of privacy where the king dwells. It isn't an invitation to come to his premises, to stand without at the courtyard or in the parlor, but an invitation to come into that place where the king himself retires for rest.

- We don't have to settle for being on the outskirts of His presence, beholding His glory from afar; we are invited to the secret place of His dwelling. The child of God has access to the very presence of the Lord.

- In the OT economy that secret place often referred to the Holy of Holies, the place where God dwelt between the cherubs upon the mercy seat. The high priest was the only one who was privileged to go there, and that but once a year. When Jesus died upon the cross, the veil of the Temple was rent in twain, that middle wall of partition has been removed. We have access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ our Lord! [Eph.2:14 – For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us.](#) Every child of God can go directly into the presence of the Lord at any time for any purpose!

- We also have the privilege to [abide under the shadow of the Almighty](#). That has the idea of being under a shade. Consider the context of the passage, the lifestyle of that day: many were shepherds and farmers; they spent much of their time out in the elements. In a hot and arid land a place of shade meant a place of rest and comfort, a place to find refuge.

- I don't know about you, but there are times when I need a place to shade me from the heat of this life. There are times when troubles bear down upon my flesh and I just need a place to sit and rest for a while. This can be found in the Lord. As the world grows more difficult each day I desire that place by the Lord!

I. A Sustainable Place (1)

II. A Desirable Place (1)

III. A Reliable Place (1-2) – I'm sure we all have those places where we can go and find comfort from time to time. Maybe it is in the conversation of a friend or the home of a loved one. Sadly there are times when these places are no longer available. The Lord is an ever present help in our time of need. He never sleeps, He never slumbers, and He never changes.

- It is interesting that the Psalmist addresses the Lord in four different ways in these two verses. Each of these names reveals the holy and powerful nature of the Lord we serve. He is the **Most High**; He is the *supreme and sovereign Lord*. He is *high and lifted up*. There are none that exceed His deity and worthiness. I have no fear that my Lord will ever be removed from His throne. I have been promised a place by the Most High.
- He is the **Almighty**, the *Omnipotent, all powerful Lord*. He is the God who created the universe; He is the One who puts the stars in space and keeps it all together. He is the sustainer of the world, the Keeper of my soul, my Strength. There is nothing that I need that He cannot provide, nothing I face that He cannot handle. He is the Almighty!
- He is **LORD**; *Jehovah*, the *self existent One*, the *I Am*. The name Jehovah is always used in Scripture in reference to deliverance. The Lord is our Redeemer. He has brought me from the bondage of sin and delivered my soul! I am confident in His ability to keep me!
- Also He is spoken of as **God**; *Elohim* – *One who puts forth power, the strong One*. The name Elohim is a plural noun, and in Hebrew a plural always refers to three or more. We have the Godhead working on our behalf, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit.
- You many have those in life that let you down. There may be places that disappoint you from time to time, but the Lord is reliable in all His ways. He will never fail you in any circumstance! My hope is in the exalted, eternal, omnipotent, self existent, God of heaven in all His power. You won't find a more reliable place than one near Him!

I. A Sustainable Place (1)

II. A Desirable Place (1)

III. A Reliable Place (1-2)

IV. An Invincible Place (2) – *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.* The Lord is our **refuge** and **fortress**. He is my **refuge**, “*a shelter from the storm.*” In this life we all have seasons of storm, times when we are tossed and battered on the sea of life. It is during those times that we can find safety in the refuge of God. He is that harbor of calmness when the storms of life are raging. He is well able to keep us during the storm, safely until it has ended.

- He is my **fortress**. The word literally means “a net.” God has cast His net about us. We are held within the steadfastness of His care. He has surrounded us with His power. He is our fortification, our stronghold in the day of trouble.
- There will be times when the enemy approaches and desires to destroy our lives. We can find security within the fortress of God. The saved have a place beside the Lord that the enemy cannot break through. He may roar and boast, but he will never penetrate the walls of God.
- **Ps.139:5 – Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.** Here the word **beset** paints a similar picture. It has the idea of “*shutting in, enclosing about.*” When we have a place by the Lord we are surrounded by all that He is! We can live a life of victory in full assurance that the Lord will sustain us. David stated in **Psalm 27:1 – The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** I would like to close with this thought. That place is also:

V. An Attainable Place – The Psalmist reveals that this place is attainable for all who desire it. He began with the words **He that: He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** He spoke of the Lord as a personal Lord and God. ***I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*** The only condition to achieve the bounty of this place is a desire to be near the Lord.

- There isn't a one of us here today who couldn't enjoy the promises of this place. The Lord wants to pour out His blessings upon one and all.

If you've never been saved, there is a place beside the Lord for you if you will only claim it. Christian maybe you've wandered from the safety and security of that place by the Lord. Maybe you need to come and find your place once again. I'm sure that you will find it just as you remembered. The Lord is waiting for you to come!