

Sermon Notes for January 21, 2007 A.M.

Morning: "Satan and Prayer" Psalm 91:9-13 (Pew Bible page 530)
(Under His Wings in Prayer)

The Holy Spirit in 2007 is calling our Christian family to build our lives, homes, marriages, daily work, and Church ministries **on prayer**.

Psalm 91 is a special chapter written by Moses, under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which invites us to the "**secret place**" of prayer. "He that dwelleth in the **secret place** of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psalm 91:1

Prayer is the most practical activity a Christian can do. Prayer is communion with our Creator-Redeemer God Who has the answers for our life, marriage, home, work, and joy. A life and Church built on prayer cannot be defeated. **John Wesley**: "God rules the world by the prayers of His saints."

Psalm 91 can be divided into four vital sections and applications for a four sermon study.

- The **Shadow** and **Secret Place** of Prayer— Psalm 91:1-4
 - The **Security** of Prayer— Psalm 91:5-8
 - **Satan** and Prayer— Psalm 91:9-13
 - Our **Satisfaction** through Prayer—Psalm 91:14-16
- I. The **Angels** watching over us in Prayer— "For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands, Lest you dash your foot against a stone." Psalm 91:11-12
- a. Angels are **humble** toward God—Hebrews 1:4-6 (1062)— "Let all the angels of God **worship** Him."
 - b. Angels are **holy** under God—Hebrews 1:7-8— "His angels . . . flames of fires . . . Thy throne a sceptre of **righteousness**."
 - c. Angels are **helpers** to God—Hebrews 1:14— "Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"
- II. The **Adversary** discouraging us in our prayers— Matthew 4:6 (851); Luke 4:10-11 (908); Genesis 3:1, 4 (4); Job 1:9-11, 2:4-5 (451)
- Satan is a great "misquoter" of Scripture and is the great "accuser of the brethren" as we pray.
- III. The **Authority** strengthening us in Prayer— "You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot." Psalm 91:13
- a. **Temptation**—Revelation 12:10-11 (1096)— "The accuser of the brethren which accuses before God day and night."
 - b. **Triumph**—I John 4:4 (1083)— "Greater is He that is in you" II Corinthians 10:3-5— "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Applications:

- ❖ In 2007, recognize your need for a secret place of prayer.
- ❖ In 2007, receive God's promise that He protects, hears, and answers you in the secret place of prayer.

- ❖ In 2007, reserve intentional times to take your needs to the secret place of prayer.
- ❖ In 2007, remember that God is waiting for you in the secret place of prayer to guide your life.
- ❖ In 2007, refresh your heart daily by meeting the Lord Jesus in the secret place of prayer.