

Sermon Notes for January 7, 2007 A.M.

Morning: “The Secret Place of Prayer” Psalm 91:1-4 (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 very special chapter on prayer and immediately 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.

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. Our **Fortress** in the Secret Place— Psalm 91:1-2 “The secret place of the Most High . . . the shadow of the Almighty . . . He is my refuge and my **fortress**.”

God is our fortress, our strong protection (Psalm 18:2, 31:3, 71:3). He is our Secret Place. I Corinthians 10:13 (1019)

Four names for God show what a “mighty fortress” He is—

- “The Most High”— **Elyon**— **Possession**— God owns all things and controls our life from this secret place.
 - “The Almighty”— **El Shaddai**— **Provision**— God provides all our needs from the secret place.
 - “The Lord”— **Jehovah**— **Promise**— God’s greatest name is the covenant name of promise— Jehovah— the great I AM, Who exists eternally and unchanging in covenant promise for His people.
 - “God”— **Elohim**— **Power**— Elohim is the name of God as creator, the source of life and power of the universe. This God is our fortress in the secret place of prayer. Exodus 33:18-23
- II. Our **Foes** in the Secret Place of Prayer—Psalm 91:3 “He shall deliver thee from the fowler . . . and the pestilence.” Psalm 27:1-6; Matthew 6:6 Jesus calls us to victory in the secret place.
- III. Our **Faith** in the Secret Place of Prayer— Psalm 91:4 “He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.” Ruth 2:11-12; Luke 24:29-32 The abiding presence of the Lord Jesus and the truth of His power await us in the secret place.

Applications:

- ❖ In 2007, recognize your need for a 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.