

### **Psalm 91:9-16 (NIV)**

9 If you make the Most High your dwelling— even the LORD, who is my refuge— 10 then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

What very prophetic words this Psalmist was inspired to write! A quick read through these words and you can see the fulfillment in our Savior Jesus. Jesus certainly made the most high his dwelling. He is the most high! His will was perfectly in line with God’s will. He was strengthened by the heavenly angels during his journey here on earth. He did tread upon lion, the devil who wants to devour. He did trample that great serpent and crushed his head. His love for his Father was evident in all that he did. God answered his prayers! God accomplished Salvation through him.

All of these promises are true for us as well. But what about verse ten? What about the harm and disaster? We do not live in a trouble free world. We do not live a life that doesn’t have problems. So how can this be true? God never promises a life free from trouble. He isn’t speaking here of merely earthly harm and disaster. Remember the warning that Jesus spoke, *“Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”* God is promising us that the devil can never snatch us out of his hand if we live in him. If we believe in Jesus as our Savior, if we remain connected to God’s Word, if we don’t push God out of our lives and reject his free gift of salvation, then we will be safe from the attacks of the devil. His angels will protect us. Because of Jesus’ defeat of the devil first at his temptation in the desert and then at the cross, we will be able to defeat the devil and trample over him. Because God has loved us first, we can love him. Because we can live him, God will rescue us and protect us. He will answer our prayers, he will deliver us and satisfy us and save us because Jesus has repaired our relationship first.

What beautiful words of promise and encouragement that this Psalmist gives us! No matter what the world can toss our way, God will make it work for our good. Even if our earthly life is full of hardship and trial, our eternal life is safe and secure in the loving arms of our Savior! What strength and power we find in God’s Word! What a wonderful weapon to use as our defense! What a marvelous God we have!