**Psalm 91**

**God our Loving Protector: Part 4**

**Psalm 91:9-10**

*Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge,
Even the Most High, your dwelling place,
10No evil shall befall you,
Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;*

* We enjoy God’s promised protection when we **take refuge** under His ‘wings’
* The sick woman found ‘healing refuge’ by touching the hem of Jesus garment (Prayer shawl / Tallit): in those days called ‘wings’.

**Malachi 4:2**

*2But to you who fear (worship) My name
The Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings;*

**Understanding the Supernatural**

*When your best is not enough and things are beyond you…*

* + The supernatural does not have to be weird: wonderful yes, but weird no.

-When Satan counterfeits the supernatural it’s always deceptive & ugly.

* + God’s compassion motivates Him to step in and help people in need.

-Miracles also attest to His divinity as a by-product of His love.

* + The supernatural is found throughout OT & NT.

-From Genesis through Revelation: Angels / Dreams / Miracles.

-In Matthew’s Gospel in the first three chapters alone:

(Miracle conception / 4 dreams & angelic appearances / 4 prophetic fulfilments).

-Then in Jesus ministry: 25 of 37 recorded miracles are **healing** miracles.

* + These miracles meet people’s needs, not **merely** meant to authenticate ministry.

-His, theirs and even ours.

**Angelic Protection**

# Psalm 91:11-12

*11For He shall give His angels charge over you,
To keep you in all your ways.
12In their hands they shall bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

* God has not left us alone and unprotected in a dangerous world.

-God commands angels to ‘minister’ on our behalf: messages / warnings.

**Some specific examples of our Father’s protection by angels.**

1. **Joseph and Mary and angels: ‘are you sure honey?’**
* The wise men and the young couple enjoy protection through an angel.

**Matthew 2:12-14** *12Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.*

*13Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” 14When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,*

 -God is always ahead of the enemy: *“for Herod will seek”.*

1. **Peter released by an angel from prison: ‘am I dreaming?’**

**Acts 12:5-10***5Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant**prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by**him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, “Arise quickly!” And his chains fell off his hands. 8Then the angel said to him, “Gird yourself and tie on your sandals”; and so he did. And he said to him, “Put on your garment and follow me.” 9So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him.*

1. **Elisha & His Servant: ‘do you see what I see?’**
* In the days of Elisha, the prophet: the king of Syria (think Bashar Assad / ISIS / Damascus) rose up to make war against Israel.

-Although outnumbering Israel, in battle Israel prevailed.

-The enemy king’s advisors said Elisha knew everything he said in his bedroom.

-The King sends an army after Elisha to surround city of Dothan.

-Servant is terrified by what he saw, but Elisha reassures him & prays.

**2 Kings 6:16- 17***“Do not fear, for those who are with us**are**more than those who are with them.” 17And Elisha prayed, and said, “Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.” Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (angelic host- note added)*

**Final Take Away**

*‘Activating’ your angels*

*Our part?*

* What looks one moment as formidable, becomes dwarfed when we **see** God’s protective provision.

-Our powerful angels (plural) are ready to help.

Psalm 103:20

*Bless the Lord, you His angels,
Who excel in strength, who do His word,
Heeding the voice of His word.*

* As with any help and or intervention by God in our lives:

-Believe & declare in faith that **His angels** to keep us **in all our ways.**