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Salvation in faithfulness to God

Mrs. Eddy once stated that the 91st Psalm would heal anything. It contains a mighty healing power that has blessed and helped people throughout the ages.

Here follows the text of that Psalm with a spiritual interpretation:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High:

He who loves God so much, that he is willing to leave behind all false knowledge and material trusts, and go into the secret place of God, where he's alone with his Maker and commits his every thought to God.

Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty:

He who thus commits his way to God, lives under the protection of the

Almighty, completely overshadowed by His love and protecting power. Nothing can touch him but good.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust:

I will declare, that the Almighty God is my peaceful refuge and strong protection. I therefore dwell in absolute safety. Abiding in that place where I've given up every earthly ambition and desire, alone with my Maker, I will actively claim this Truth of truths.

Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler:

Surely He shall deliver me from any snare that mortal mind would set out for me.

And from the noisome pestilence:

And from the thing that seems so fearful, that would try to disturb and paralyze my thought.

He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust:

Covered by the warmth and absolute

protection of God, I am as safe as the baby bird in its nest; comforted by God's Motherhood, and resting in the softness and peace of Divine Love. This is a beautiful illustration of the way God keeps us, when we turn to Him with all our hearts.

His truth shall be thy shield and buckler:

God's Truth is my complete defense and shield, no matter what error may falsely claim. Truth is a certain protection here, surrounding me with Love.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday:

No fearful thought shall come to me at night, for God gives a peaceful rest. The day is also in God's hands, and error cannot send its powerless arrows in my direction. There's no such thing as pestilence in darkness or destruction at noonday. God has banished these lies forever.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee:

My consciousness of God's loving protection causes every error, whether one, or ten thousand lies, to fall powerless at my feet.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked:

I will recognize that evil is nothing. Evil is never a person, and it always defeats and destroys itself. Spiritual perception recognizes this fact.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling:

> Because I have turned to God with all my heart and chosen to walk with the Christ, nothing of an evil nature can befall me or approach my consciousness or spiritual dwelling place.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways:

His powerful, glorious, angel

thoughts are surrounding me here, this moment, lifting off every fear and care. Every detail of my life is God-protected.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone:

These angel thoughts lift me up and beyond any of the unreal rantings of mortal mind. Evil and its false claims cannot cause me to stumble or fall. God's angel thoughts are here now, lifting, and sustaining me with Divine Love.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet:

I shall, with the authority and dominion of God, tread upon any evil belief that presents itself to me. No matter what form error takes, big or small, it is unreal and powerless.

(God now speaks:)

Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known My name: Because you have loved, and obeyed Me, I will deliver you from every evil suggestion and condition. You cannot be downtrodden or depressed. I will lift you up in Spirit, to perceive My glory round about everything.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble:

Because you have been faithful, I will answer at once when you call for help. I will never desert you, no matter what the circumstances.

I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him My salvation:

You will have a secure, prosperous, and long life. You will understand and demonstrate the meaning of salvation. (Science and Health 593:20—"SALVATION. Life, Truth, and Love understood and demonstrated as supreme over all; sin, sickness, and death destroyed.")

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