

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, he is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” (Psalm 91:1-2)

What a wonderful promise to hold on to in the days that we are in! In fact the whole of Psalm 91 talks about the secret place of security. It's a testimony to the security of those who put their trust in God. **“He who remains in the secret place of the Most High shall permanently stay under the shadow of the Almighty.”**

Part of the Angel's message to the Church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:8,10,11) was **“You have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name . . . Because you have kept My commandment to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.”**

The Message Bible puts it like this: **“Because you have kept My Word in passionate patience, I'll keep you safe in the time of testing that will be here soon, and all over the earth, every man, woman, and child put to the test. I'm on My way; I'll be there soon. Keep a tight grip on what you have so no one distracts you and steals your crown. I'll make each conqueror a pillar in the sanctuary of My God, a permanent position of honour . . .”** A time of great testing is coming. Nobody will escape the testing that will come upon the earth. But note what He says:

- 1- They have kept His Word.
- 2- They have not denied His Name.
- 3- They have kept His commandment to persevere.

Was it easy? No! They didn't have much strength, and what strength they had, they used up keeping His Word with passionate

patience. **They didn't deny Him when times got rough** (Message Bible)!

The exhortation is to hold fast, that no one may take your crown. Keep a tight grip on it. Don't let anyone distract you.

The promise is that each conqueror will have a permanent position of honour. Wow, that's pretty big. But not only that, He will keep them from the hour of trial! Where? Out of this planet?? No – those who have kept His commandments have remained in the secret place of security – under the shadow of His wings! His shadow has become a refuge and a fortress!

Here's another thing – seeing as we have been on the love subject: 'Philadelphia' means 'brotherly love'. This was a church walking in brotherly love.

Matthew 24:12 says that **because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.** In the midst of the birth pangs that precede the coming of the Lord, lawlessness will abound, and the love of many will grow cold. **Lawlessness will lead to lovelessness!** But the Philadelphia Church still walks in brotherly love!! Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches. Blessings.”

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your encouraging word that prompt me to continue to persevere in keeping your word and commands, Lord uphold me with your grace and keep me in the secret place of your security. This all I ask and pray in Jesus name Amen.



³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. ³⁴ Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. ³⁷ Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
(Romans 8:31-39)

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The Lord Is My Shepherd

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“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

(Psalm 27:1)