

Hello and Welcome

Thank you for listening.

I want to start with a prayer.

Jesus I pray for all the people who are suffering today. Whatever the suffering, I know Jesus cares. I ask you Jesus to touch the broken hearted and give them hope and peace that passes all understanding in Jesus name, Amen.

I talked last week about how we suffer personally and as a nation when we lack knowledge of God's Word. We saw that God imposes consequences when we fail to incorporate His commandments into our personal life and the public domain of our nation.

I know the teaching last week sounded very strong, but also know that God is a loving heavenly father. God disciplines us just like a natural father because He wants to protect us. If we will just realize that we have made mistakes and ask God for forgiveness; God will forgive you. God will restore. God will heal. God will help you personally to recover from loss and God will deliver our nation from both domestic and foreign and even spiritual enemies.

This week I want to teach on some of my favorite scriptures. They tell how God is our refuge, our fortress, and our hiding place. I have felt in the spirit that some of you really need to know that God cares about you and He has a plan to deliver you from every trouble.

I will start with Psalm 91.

1 Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 This I declare about the Lord:  
He alone is my refuge, my place of safety;  
he is my God, and I trust him.

3 For he will rescue you from every trap  
and protect you from deadly disease.

4 He will cover you with his feathers.  
He will shelter you with his wings.  
His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

5 Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies in the day.

6 Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness,  
nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side,  
though ten thousand are dying around you,  
these evils will not touch you.

8 Just open your eyes,  
and see how the wicked are punished.

9 If you make the Lord your refuge,  
if you make the Most High your shelter,

10 no evil will conquer you;  
no plague will come near your home.

11 For he will order his angels  
to protect you wherever you go.

12 They will hold you up with their hands  
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

13 You will trample upon lions and cobras;  
you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

14 The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me.  
I will protect those who trust in my name.

15 When they call on me, I will answer;  
I will be with them in trouble.  
I will rescue and honor them.

16 I will reward them with a long life  
and give them my salvation."

Now look at PSALM 17

1 O Lord, hear my plea for justice.  
Listen to my cry for help.  
Pay attention to my prayer,  
for it comes from honest lips.

2 Declare me innocent,  
for you see those who do right.

3 You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the  
night.

You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong.

I am determined not to sin in what I say.

4 I have followed your commands,  
which keep me from following cruel and evil people.

5 My steps have stayed on your path;  
I have not wavered from following you.

6 I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God.  
Bend down and listen as I pray.

7 Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.  
By your mighty power you rescue  
those who seek refuge from their enemies.

8 Guard me as you would guard your own eyes.\*  
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.

9 Protect me from wicked people who attack me,  
from murderous enemies who surround me.

10 They are without pity.  
Listen to their boasting!

11 They track me down and surround me,  
watching for the chance to throw me to the ground.

12 They are like hungry lions, eager to tear me apart—  
like young lions hiding in ambush.

13 Arise, O Lord!  
Stand against them, and bring them to their knees!  
Rescue me from the wicked with your sword!

14 By the power of your hand, O Lord,  
destroy those who look to this world for their reward.  
But satisfy the hunger of your treasured ones.  
May their children have plenty,  
leaving an inheritance for their descendants.

15 Because I am righteous, I will see you.  
When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied.

Finally let's read PSALM 27

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
so why should I be afraid?

The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger,  
so why should I tremble?

2 When evil people come to devour me,  
when my enemies and foes attack me,  
they will stumble and fall.

3     Though a mighty army surrounds me,  
my heart will not be afraid.  
Even if I am attacked,  
I will remain confident.

4     The one thing I ask of the Lord—  
the thing I seek most—  
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
delighting in the Lord's perfections  
and meditating in his Temple.

5     For he will conceal me there when troubles come;  
he will hide me in his sanctuary.  
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.

6     Then I will hold my head high  
above my enemies who surround me.  
At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy,  
singing and praising the Lord with music.

7     Hear me as I pray, O Lord.  
Be merciful and answer me!

8     My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."  
And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."

9     Do not turn your back on me.  
Do not reject your servant in anger.  
You have always been my helper.  
Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,  
O God of my salvation!

10    Even if my father and mother abandon me,  
the Lord will hold me close.

11    Teach me how to live, O Lord.  
Lead me along the right path,  
for my enemies are waiting for me.

12    Do not let me fall into their hands.  
For they accuse me of things I've never done;  
with every breath they threaten me with violence.

13    Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness  
while I am here in the land of the living.

14    Wait patiently for the Lord.  
Be brave and courageous.  
Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

Please continue to listen and send me your prayer requests.

I want to offer everyone the opportunity to pray and make Jesus their Lord and Savior. Jesus is the ONLY WAY to redeem your soul from sin. Repeat this prayer with me.

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I humble myself and repent of my sins. Please forgive me. I believe You sacrificed your life and rose again from the dead to secure my salvation. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you and God bless you.

## Job CHAPTER 5

8 "If I were you, I would go to God  
and present my case to him.

9 He does great things too marvelous to understand.  
He performs countless miracles.

10 He gives rain for the earth  
and water for the fields.

11 He gives prosperity to the poor  
and protects those who suffer.

12 He frustrates the plans of schemers  
so the work of their hands will not succeed.

13 He traps the wise in their own cleverness  
so their cunning schemes are thwarted.

14 They find it is dark in the daytime,  
and they grope at noon as if it were night.

15 He rescues the poor from the cutting words of the strong,  
and rescues them from the clutches of the powerful.

16 And so at last the poor have hope,  
and the snapping jaws of the wicked are shut.

17 "But consider the joy of those corrected by God!  
Do not despise the discipline of the Almighty when you sin.

18 For though he wounds, he also bandages.  
He strikes, but his hands also heal.

19 From six disasters he will rescue you;  
even in the seventh, he will keep you from evil.

20 He will save you from death in time of famine,  
from the power of the sword in time of war.

21 You will be safe from slander  
and have no fear when destruction comes.

22 You will laugh at destruction and famine;  
wild animals will not terrify you.

23 You will be at peace with the stones of the field,  
and its wild animals will be at peace with you.

24 You will know that your home is safe.  
When you survey your possessions, nothing will be missing.

25 You will have many children;  
your descendants will be as plentiful as grass!

26 You will go to the grave at a ripe old age,  
like a sheaf of grain harvested at the proper time!

27 "We have studied life and found all this to be true.  
Listen to my counsel, and apply it to yourself."