

Divinely Blessed & Restored

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Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, kindness--trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake him, no, never].

Psalms 91:14 AMP

I often refer to Psalms 91 as my protection psalms. Verse 14 holds a promise for the children of God, but there's something significant about this promise. The significance lies in the word "*because*" at the beginning of the sentence and at the beginning of the last clause of the verse. You might ask, what's significant about that? The word because implies something is conditional which is evident also in its meaning, on the account of, or due to the fact. In other words, God is saying: "*Due to the fact "Doris" has set her love upon me, therefore will I deliver her; I will set her on high, due to the fact she knows and understands My name [has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness – trusts and relies on Me, knowing I will never forsake her, no, never].*"

What an encouraging word! What a promise from God! He will deliver! He will set us on high! *But, yes, there's a but!* This promise has conditions we must meet. Deliverance comes...because "Doris" set her love upon me... I will set "Doris" on high...because "Doris" has known my name. God doesn't promise a world free from danger, from trials and tribulations; however, He does promise His help whenever we have to face them.

As we entered this New Year, when the clock struck midnight, we praised and worshiped God as we said farewell to 2008 and moved forth into 2009. *A new year! A new beginning! A fresh start!* Just the thought of it got you reenergized and recommitted to making changes in your life, and created a feeling of euphoria, a feeling that anything is possible!

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But now the challenge comes, as we moved forward from January 1st, to January 2nd, January 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.....and the realities of life begin to set in. As energized and euphoric we were, the troubles, cares, worries, and doubts don't seem to give us much of a reprieve. Just listening to the news, hearing about the state of our economy, unemployment, home foreclosures, loss of medical insurance, shrinking 401K's, an unstable auto industry, and things looking bleaker and bleaker. In the natural there doesn't seem to be much to encourage you to keep a positive outlook. In fact, despair, worry and fear during these troubling and unsettling times can lead to feelings of gloom and hopelessness for many.

God's word for us today is one of encouragement, to remind us that feelings of gloom and hopelessness, worry, fear, and doubt are not for the children of God – not if you are sheltered by the Almighty! But, being sheltered by the Almighty (God), doesn't just happen! There are some requirements that must be met. Our first requirement is to abide under the Almighty's shadow. That means, you live in constant communion with God and He is first in your life. Psalms 91:1 doesn't say visit Him once in a while, it says, "He who dwells" ... which according to Webster's means to be a permanent resident, to linger.

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Our second requirement is to habitat with the Almighty! Psalms 91:9 tells us, "thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation." That means you've made the Lord your residence, your domicile – He's where you live! Now, I don't know about you, but I don't go to my residence once a week – on Sunday, I go there every day! Is the Almighty your habitat? Is it the Almighty that you sit down and talk with?

The third requirement is that you love Him and you know Him. Psalms 91:14 tells us "he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name!" That mean's you treat the Almighty as though you love Him! You talk to Him, you spend time with Him, you respect Him, you worship Him, you praise Him, you thank Him, you do everything you can to please Him! You keep His commandments, you love your neighbor, you forgive those who offend you, and you humble yourself before Him! When you meet these requirements, you have established a personal relationship with the Heavenly Father, and that's when you can say the Lord is your refuge and fortress.

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I wish I could tell you that 2009 won't have the hills and the valleys of 2008 - I can't! But I can tell you the promise of God! That if you abide under the shadow of the Almighty, the word says, **He will**, not He can, **He will**, deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. Yes, if you abide under the shadow of the Almighty, He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler!

God has given us a mighty promise to carry us through 2009. Psalms 91:15 - 16 tells us, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation" .KJV

The storms of life are all around us. You cannot avoid them, that's Satan's job, to knock us off track, to make our faith and trust in God waver. When doubts arise, remember you have the word to counter the enemy's attack. Carry the promises of Psalms 91 with you, day after day, in 2009. Live it. Walk it. Believe it. When you do, He promise, He will answer! He'll be with you. He'll deliver you. He'll honour you. He'll satisfy you. He'll show you His salvation! Amen.

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST?

Our purpose in this article and daily scriptures is to encourage a heart-to-heart relationship with God. If you do not know God in a personal way, we invite you to make the first step today to receive God's love and the salvation that only Jesus Christ can give. Here are five steps you can take to receive salvation:

1. Recognize you are a sinner and need salvation. The Bible tells us "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
2. Repent of your sins. Sin separates us from God. By confessing your sins and turning from them you are forgiven. The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).
3. Believe in Jesus. God sent His Son to die so that He could pay for all our sins. The Bible says: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life: (John 3:16).
4. Receive His Salvation. Jesus Christ is a gift you must receive and welcome to live in your heart. He promises: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God: (John 1:12).
5. Confess your belief verbally. The Bible assures "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved: (Rom. 10:9).

You now have been born again! Tell some else your good news and connect yourself with a church home as soon as possible. God Bless and Keep You!

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