

NAC in the Word
Using Coronavirus time to intentionally grow as follower of Jesus
Week of March 22-28, 2020

Psalm of the week: Psalm 91

- Read it a few different times throughout this week.
- Listen to Pastor Kevin's message on Psalm 91 put out for March 22.

Here are some thoughts as you go through verse by verse:

1. Do you view yourself as under God's authority and shelter? Is he Most High in your life? Abiding in God's shadow means we are called to be **very close to him**.
2. Do it! Make it personal and say out loud to the Lord, "*You are my refuge, and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.*" ...Go ahead, say it out loud now ☺ We are called to **trust God**.
3. It's good to know that God knows we may face "deadly pestilence."
4. This is the second use of the word "*refuge*." How do you understand the word "refuge" in relation to you, God, and the current situation?
- 5-8 Starts out saying, "**You will not fear...**" That's an interesting point when it admits that there is terror, arrows flying, pestilence stalking, destruction and even death. Think through how your closeness to God, trusting him, and having him as your refuge factors in to this.
9. How is this conditional statement similar to verse 1? Could you say this for yourself?
10. Reaffirm your trust in God as your refuge and that you honor him as the Most High (verse 9), then thank him for these words in verse 10.
- 11-12 The Devil misrepresented these words to Jesus when he told him to do a reckless act and trust God to get him out of it (Luke 4:9-12). That's not the point. We are to walk under God's rule and wisdom. However, thank him for using angels for our benefit and protection, and let that strengthen your trust in him.
13. This referenced what were likely the two most dangerous creatures where they lived – lions and poisonous snakes. Again, this is not about recklessness, but trust.
14. Key verse! Do you really **love God**? Would that be the primary way to describe your relationship with God? Do you know his name? Think over some of the names of God used in this psalm: Most High, Almighty, Lord, My Refuge, My Fortress, and My God.
15. Think over your responsibilities here – to call on God and honor him. His side is to answer, be with you in trouble, and rescue.
16. Thank God for your life and salvation. Both are a gift from him!

Memory verse:

**"Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him because he knows my name."**

Psalm 91:14