

## Promises...with a Prerequisite

“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty” – Psalm 91:1

Without question, Psalm 91 is a real gem among the psalms. Next to Psalm 23, it probably has brought more encouragement and comfort throughout the centuries than any other psalm. But it's worth noting that **the blessings promised in Psalm 91 are not for just anyone. They are specifically given to believers – and not just to believers in general, but to believers who specifically meet the requirements found in it.** Psalm 91 is full of conditional promises. That is, God promises to do certain things for us, hinging on us doing certain things that are required.

Verse 1 begins, “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High...” The word “dwells” could be translated as “quiet and resting, enduring and remaining with consistency.” It is very similar to the word “abide,” which we see often in the New Testament. Jesus said, “He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit” (John 15:5). That word “abide” means, “to stay in a given place, to maintain unbroken fellowship and communion with another.”

**Here's what God is saying: “If you want to experience the promises of Psalm 91 – My protection, My provision, and My blessing – you must dwell in the secret place of the Most High. You must remain in constant fellowship with Me.”** We have a relationship with God because we have put our faith in Jesus Christ and have turned from our sin. But are we living in constant fellowship with God? Many Christians are not.

God is interested in a relationship with you, not just on Sunday's but throughout the week. He wants you to dwell in the secret place of the Most High.

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