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Introduction:

GOD says – “I WILL” - [Psalm91:14](#)

Over the next several weeks we will be looking at [Psalm91](#). This Psalm was written by David. There are two promises that we want to look at this morning; the promise that God will rescue those who love Him and that God will protect those who trust in His name.

[Psalm91:14](#) -The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name."

I. I will rescue those who love me.

The word ‘rescue’ here means to carry away safe, or to escape. There are many things that God can and will rescue us from.

Over and over in scripture we see again and again that God rescued His people from their fear; the fear of death, the fear of disaster, the fear of the unknown, the fear of abandonment, the fear of failure. God also rescued them from their enemies. Those included foreigners. When

the enemies would come with their armies, they would be defeated, or they would be confused, or they would be scattered. God rescued his people from destruction. God also rescued them from diseases. He did this because He loved those who loved Him. One component of the relationship that is established between God and those who love Him is a dependence on escape and rescue from danger, disaster, disease, attack, fear and death.

I occasionally have watched incredible rescues on TV. You see this person dangling in his vehicle on the edge of a bridge and someone runs up and pulls him safely out of the vehicle, only seconds later to see the vehicle fall over the edge and crash into the rushing water below. That's the way God acts for us. There is no other way to interpret this scripture or promise from God. God will put Himself on the line. He will dare to do the incredible. He will risk it all so that we can be carried away safely from the thing that would destroy or defeat us.

Why do people risk their lives to rescue a person or an animal? It is because of the value they put on life or on that relationship and their love of helping. There is nothing or no one who is more powerful than God. There is nothing that we know as human beings that is stronger than God's love toward His own. He will do whatever it takes to deliver and rescue those who love Him.

Here the Most High God is introduced as confirming the Word of his servant. He has fixed his love, his heart and soul on me. Think about that. The Almighty, the Most High God, fixes His love, His passion, His heart, His attention, His desire on you and me. That is incredible. **Psalm91:14-15** - Therefore will I deliver him. In the time of trouble, in the time of temptations, in the time of hardship, in the time of sorrow, in the time of lack, in the time of every kind of evil, I WILL RESCUE THOSE WHO LOVE ME.

In our walk with God, we are going to face troubles of all kinds. Some may face relationship troubles, some may face economic troubles, some may face business troubles and some may face emotional or physical troubles. Just because we follow God doesn't mean we won't have troubles, but God promises to carry us away from those troubles.

I quote Jesus' Words so that we might have peace. He indicated that this would be the case, so we wouldn't be caught off guard, not having the knowledge that these troubles would come. **John 16:33** – “ **I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.**”

Psalm91 continues to show the benefit of an intimate relationship with God: “ Therefore will I deliver him; from noisome diseases before mentioned, from all afflictions into which he comes, and from all the temptations of the evil one, so as that he shall not be hurt or destroyed by them.”

The deliverance that is promised here is not because we deserve to be delivered, but because in spite of all our imperfections, we do love God. Because of that relationship of love, God of the angels will come to our rescue in perilous times. When the heart is all taken up with God and attached to him, the Lord will recognize that love and it will be the distinguishing mark of those who the Lord secures from all evil.

God also rescues us from our sin, its consequences and everlasting punishment. This verse of the Psalm not only speaks of God coming to the rescue and carrying us to safety when we are in danger, but we also understand from this verse His desire and promise to protect.

II. I will protect those who trust in my name.

God is committed to your well being. He is committed to rescue and protect. I find a tremendous sense of security and strength in that knowledge.

One of the great fears that followed the 911 attack here in America was the feeling of being vulnerable and unprotected. If what happened there in NY could happen in board daylight,

what could happen anywhere? If our military and police and FBI and CIA and all the other agencies of government could not keep this attack from coming to our shores, then how could any of us be safe? People had to work through their fear of going out in public, of being in a crowd, of flying on an airplane.

When God says, “I will protect those who trust in my name”. There is no doubt that nothing could happen outside of His scrutiny. When that anything one has protection it means that there is safety and security in that protection. We put security systems in our homes today to protect what we feel is valuable to us. We don’t want someone breaking in to take the things that belong to us, to damage where we live or harm our family. Those systems are in place so we are protected. We hire fire fighters and police to patrol our streets and communities. We want to be protected from danger, robbery and fire. If you have a computer at home or on your job, you doubtless have some type of security on your computer. A firewall, anti-virus software and passwords are all put there to protect the information in your computer from being stolen or destroyed.

God is saying here that those who place their confidence and trust in His name will realize His protection. He is the firewall, the password, the anti-virus, so to speak, that keeps out those things that would destroy, damage and corrupt our lives. The things in our life that are valuable to God and valuable to us will be safe

Conclusion:

The promise for God’s rescue and protection are for those who love Him and trust in His Name. You can bank on God’s care for His people. Love Him and trust Him and watch Him work.

from theft, from destruction, from invasion, from loss.

Psalm 121:7- The LORD keeps you from all evil and preserves your life. The preserving power of the Lord is amazing. It means that nothing can touch you without His knowledge or His permission.

If you look at the life of Job, he had all kinds of challenges and tests that were thrown at him. He dealt with loss of family, of cattle, of his business, of barns, of support from his friends and he was still able to trust God. He said, “Even though God slay me, still I will trust Him.” God preserved Job from death. Everything that happened to Job was filtered through Almighty God. If you are committed to God, if you trust in Him, the trials, the challenges, the tests of your faith happen for a reason and nothing happens outside of His protection and permission.

The Apostle Paul had been put in prison and was suffering. He knew who He trusted in and He had confidence that what he had trusted to God, God was able to keep safe, to guard it and protect it from damage, destruction and disaster until Christ returned. We read about this in Paul’s second letter to Timothy. **2 Tim. 1:12 And that is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.**

