

Saint Michael and All Angels

Sermon Road Map

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Psalm 91:9-13

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Maintain a health curiosity about the workings of God's kingdom.

Psalm 91:9-13 Evangelical Heritage Version (EHV)

Application to Oneself

⁹ Yes, you LORD are my refuge!

Application to Others

If you make the Most High your shelter,

¹⁰ evil will not overtake you.

Disaster will not come near your tent.

¹¹ Yes, he will give a command to his angels concerning you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹² They will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra.

You will trample the young lion and the serpent.

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- It is said, *Curiosity killed the cat*. Unhealthy curiosity can be fatal.
 - Satan loves:
 - ♦ Curiosity - obsessed with knowing all about Satan
 - ♦ Ignorance - dismisses Satan as a make-believe boogie-man
 - ♦ Curious angel obsession - *talk to my angel* - taking eyes & heart off God
 - ♦ Not curious what God teaches about angels, dismissing as unimportant
 - ♦ Curiosity about behind-the-scenes workings of government, crime syndicates, secret societies - for curiosity or self-defense
 - Psalm 91 cultivates a healthy curiosity about the workings of his kingdom.

❖ You who make the Most High your shelter

- What does it mean to *make the Most High your shelter*?
 - ♦ It's not isolation from living in the bad and dangerous world!
 - ♦ There's no place in this life to escape Satan, sinful-self, or the curse
 - ♦ Those who **trust** the Most High God for protection and safety (save)
 - ♦ Those who long to live and walk with God all the time.
- These promises only apply to those restored to God through faith in Jesus.
 - ♦ Those who find life with the Most High too restrictive live in danger
 - ♦ Whether they know it or not, evil angels plot their demise.
 - ♦ The Most High in mercy may intervene to extend their time of grace to be called into his kingdom - to give up their foolish arrogance.

❖ The Most High wants us to know how his kingdom works.

- Under his reign nothing can separate us from our God. He saves us!
 - ♦ He puts limits on disease (EEE), criminals, fools, terrorists, storms, climate change, etc. Jesus rules over everything for the good of his people.
 - His is **All-knowing** and **All-powerful** care. **Nothing** can separate us.
 - Healthy curiosity contemplates this daily reality.
 - Affirm: **Yes, you LORD are my refuge** in every trouble - daily life.
 - ♦ When *bad things happen* he's working good things - drawing us to Him.
- The Most High **personally directs** his angelic servants to guard us.
 - ♦ ***Are not all angels ministering spirits sent out to serve for the benefit of those who are going to inherit salvation?*** Hebrews 1:14 EHV
 - ♦ Angels **don't** wander around doing their own thing!
 - ♦ The Most High **directs** them to **personally address** your situation.
 - ♦ Their hands are better than Allstate. We're in the palm of their hands
 - ♦ Thwarting every evil work of demons, disease, danger
 - ♦ Healthy curiosity: *I wonder how God used angels to aid me today.*
 - It doesn't speculate and seek to see behind the scenes.
 - But it thanks God with wonder for sending his angels each day.
- In God's kingdom **we** tread his enemies under our feet.
 - ♦ Paul echoes this truth in his letter to believers in Romans 16:
 - ²⁰ ***The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.***
 - ♦ Under God's reign of care, we of all people crush the foe!
 - That's why he sends us out with his powerful word.
 - The angels serve to facilitate this in ways we don't even know.
 - That's why God doesn't seclude us. **He shelters us in battle.**
 - St. Michael & All Angels - the start of End Times an annual reminder:
 - Of the dangerous and sobering time we live in
 - The promised protection of the Most High God
 - The working of our hidden allies, his holy angels
 - The wonders God works through his faithful people
 - If we don't think about this - we're the poorer for it & ill prepared.

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