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Nathaniel Bronner: Angels have been given charge by God to protect God's people.

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Female: And now for Psalms 91 - Living Under God's Protection, Part 2.

Nathaniel Bronner: Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us online at brothersoftheword.com or social media. Some other social media networks, we welcome you to today's service. What a wonderful joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us.

We'd like to show just a little humor. As the storm raged, the captain realized that his ship was sinking fast. He called out "Anyone here know how to pray?" A pastor stepped forward and said, "Captain, I know how to pray." "Good!" said the captain, "You pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets because we're one short."

Well, we are talking about living under God's protection and we're sharing Psalms 91 - Living Under God's Protection. This is part 2, Living Under God's Protection.

Just to give a quick review. We've talked about how God has always protected his people. He's always had a way of escape. He's always had protection. He's always had a covering for his people. If you look at Daniel in the Lion's Den, he was protected there. His life was preserved. If you'd look at the three Hebrew boys and the fiery furnace, their lives were preserved. And so, we can see God's protection moving throughout the bible. If you'd look at Lot, God even protect that Lot and even Noah from even his own judgement upon the earth and God protected them from judgement.

If you'd look at even Jesus, when he was born, God warned Joseph in a dream, thought him where to go, he thought him how to avoid danger there when they were seeking the child's life. And so, God protected whether it was through dreams or whether it was through some direction, whether it was through angels or -- there

were just a variety of means that God protected his people. And so, he's always had a covenant of protection available for his people.

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We are studying our dominant covenant of protection, that's found in Psalms 91. I think we are living in a dangerous world. We're living in very trouble times and there is so much happening. There are so many things that are breaking out. There are so many dangerous that are lurking in different places and various ways. And so, I think this is the time that we should establish our hearts where God's divine protection is concerned.

And so, Psalms 91 is our chief text. We also talked about some other texts. You'll find protection in Psalms 59. You'll find protection in Psalms 61. You'll find protection in Psalms 62. You'll actually find protection in Psalms 63. So, I just saw protection there in 59 through 63. I just saw kind of a pattern or protection.

And so, it's a way throughout God's word and but anyway, we are in Psalms 91, we're on the chief text for living on the God's protection, Psalms 91. We cover verses 1 and 2 last time. Verse 1 says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." So, we said that secret place as a place of communion, as a place of fellowship with God, as a place for your living and constant communion with God where you're conversing with him, worshipping him, where you're walking with him. In this intimate dwelling with God like a marriage. So, you're living with him. So, you're constantly communing with him. Constantly conversing with him and that pushed in a secret place. He pushes you on a sheltered place.

And then we said that the Almighty speaks of God's greatness and his sovereignty, his everlasting nature. The Almighty God, we get the term El Shaddai.

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Actually, also, there are actually two names of God in that first verse, he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high. Actually, the "most high God" is El Elyon. So, we are introduced to El Elyon. He's the most high God. He's higher than anything else. He's above anything else. He is preeminent, the most high God. So, we're actually introduced to El Elyon and we are also introduced to El Shaddai. He that dwelleth in the secret place of

the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty and that's El Shaddai. He's El Shaddai. Man, so, God is just introducing himself, he's basically said, "Just in case you don't know who I am. Let me tell you a little bit about myself." He introduces themselves. He's the most high, he's the Almighty, he's El Shaddai.

There, we talked a little about that shadow. The shadow, he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. So, that shadow, overshadows us and that shadow comes between us in any danger. It comes between us and anything that would harm us. So, God's presence literally overshadows us. I was reminded, you'll find this on the book of Acts 5:15, Peter's shadow actually heals people. And when Peter went through certain cities preaching, they will bring all the sick people and put them in the streets, lay them in the streets, so that Peter passing by, that his shadow would overshadow them and they would be healed.

So, it wasn't the physical shadow, the shadow was simply a contact point of God's presence that was overshadowing Peter. Peter was living in the secret place. He was dwelling in the secret place for the most high and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty, to the point where it physically hit his physical shadow. I mean, it was the shadow of God that was beaming off for Peter and it was actually bringing heal in the people, isn't that powerful? Man, that's what you call dwelling in a secret place. Let's dwelling in -- Peter was so much in God that his physical shadow actually was overshadowed by the shadow of God himself.

The power in the presence of God was there in the shadow. There were strange signs. There were strange miracles and there were strange wonders in the book of Acts, because of the power and the presence of God, they took handkerchiefs and aprons from Paul's but they laid them on the sick and they were healed. So, there were strong manifestations on the power and the presence of God, but that shadow was a part of the manifestation. So, the power of God was on them so strong, their shadow. I'm looking around at my shadow now. The shadow of God, man, isn't that powerful, the shadow of God? So, he that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Then Verse 2 says, "I will say on the Lord that he's my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust." Now remember we said, I

say, that's a personal application. I say of the Lord, I say, I will say of the Lord. So, it does not what anyone else's confessing, it's not what anybody else 's believing us. What you're saying? What you believe. I will say of the Lord. So, it has to be a personal application, your relationship with God is personal. This is your relationship with God. You can't really stand on anybody else's relationship. You have to have your own relationship with God and so, I will say, and as your personal confession.

Here's what the message bible says it like this. Message bible says "Say this, God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe." Let's say that together. God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe. Just remember that. Just say that throughout the day. God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I am safe. That's a wonderful way to remind yourself as you go about your day. It's a wonderful way to remind yourself of this covenant or protection that was found on Psalms 91. So, just remember that, "God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I am safe. God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I am safe. God, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I am safe." Praise God. Isn't that good? So, say that throughout the day as you travel, as you are in different places. Always remind yourself that he's your refuge. You trust in him that you're safe. Now, this refuge is a shelter. It's a protection. It's a place of trust.

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It's basically saying, "Make the Lord your trustworthy place of shelter." So, it's a place of trust. It's a place of hope, it's a fortress, it's a protection, it's a shelter. That's what refuge means. I'll say of the Lord, he's my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Him will I trust. Now, let's look at verse three. This is verse three what we're picking up this week. Verse three says, "Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence."

I love the way he opens up that first word, surely. Surely means there is no question about it. There is no doubt about it. Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. Now, noisome pestilence, that means deadly attacks, means plagues. I like the way the message, Bible says, it says, "That's right. He rescues you from hidden traps and shields you from deadly hazards." And the new living translation says, "For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from

deadly disease.” Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the Fowler. That's a trap. Fowler was simply a bird trapper. That's what they did. They set traps to catch birds and that they will call fowlers. And so God delivers us when people try to trap you. In other words, people plot against you.

People plot against you. God will deliver you from the plot. e You'll see in the Bible, in the book of Esther, Haman plotted against, Mordecai. And Haman devise an evil plot so that Mordecai would be killed. God turned the tables and the very plot that Haman devise against Mordecai, he actually ended up being killed in the very plot. He hit Haman for Mordecai, and that was the picture of this verse right here. He'll deliver you from the snare of the fowler. He'll deliver you from the evil plots. He'll deliver you from the deadly traps. Some people try to trap you and plot against you. He will deliver you.

So, we see Psalms 91 even way back in the book of Esther, even before we knew what it was. But now we know what it is. Turn to your neighbors so now we know what it is. Now we know what it is. That was verse three. If I could have been back in Esther's day, I would say Mordecai, that's verse three of Psalms 91, then what happened to you? I know exactly what it is now. They didn't know what Mordecai, but we have it now. We know it. Praise God. Somebody ought to rejoice right there. That's a good stuff.

Surely, he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. This promise protects us from dangers, from infectious diseases, both seen and unseen. Protects you from infectious diseases, dangers, plagues both seen and unseen. I heard Charles Spurgeon, he talks about back in the 1800, there was a German shopkeeper and this was the time that the Cholera plague was killing people. This German shopkeeper, he took Psalms 91 and he put it on the window of his shop.

He never felt sick. He never felt sick, and not only did he never fall sick, anyone who came into the shop and did business with them, none of them feel sick either. But he had placed it on the window of his shop, Psalms 91, and it protected him from the Cholera plague. And they were dying all around him, but his shop was protected. He put it on the window. Man, when I heard that, I said, man, I may need to go home and write that down and put it on my window at home. I said, maybe I can get a little -- some kind of little index card or something, tape it to the window just

as a visible reminder. So, he put Psalms 91 on his window, protected him from the Cholera plague. Praise God. Praise God. Amen.

Well, this promise protects us from infectious diseases, both seen and unseen, diseases and germs and infection. All these things, they are lurking around all the time, but now you have a promise that protects you from that, protects you from that.

Now, let's look at verse four. So, verse three, against surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler and from the noisome pestilence. Verse four, he shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shall thou trust. His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Now, notice that, he shall cover thee. I want you to get the image or in the picture there that the Psalm has given us here in verse four.

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He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shall thou trust. The picture here is of a mother hen gathering the little chicks under her wings. And it's symbolizing tenderness, love and affection, that in not only protects but were called under that protection. We're gathered under that protection. And so, it's a picture of the love of God, the tender love of God, that God loves you so much, it brings you under his wings, to cover you and it protects you. And you dare not attempt to reach one of those little chicks that is under their mother hen's wings, because you're not going to be dealing with the chick, you're going to be dealing with the mother hen. And that's what God is saying.

When we're under his wings, danger is no longer dealing with us and now deals with God. We're under his wings. Also, the imagery of the feathers and the wings, it also represents angels, that we have been given angelic care. We have been given angelic care and his angels watch over us. His angels protect us and so angels are with us all the time. They'd been given -- I'm a little ahead of myself. What you will see have been given charge. They've been given charge. They've been given orders by God. They'd been charged by God to protect us.

Go ahead and give him praise, right? That is good. That is good. You all get brother Eddie a little praise and all by himself. So, that's all right.

So, we get a picture of the feathers and the wings, that's a reminder to of God's angel. Man, we see angels everywhere. They're all over the Bible. And so, the book of Hebrews says that, angels are sent to minister for the heirs of salvation, who we are, we are heirs of salvation. We receive salvation. We have inheritance with God. We are heirs of salvation. Angels have been sent to minister for us. They are sent to minister on our behalf. This book of Hebrews, book of Hebrews tells us, angels are sent to minister for the heirs of salvation. Psalms 103 talks about angels as well. Psalms 103, bless the Lord, oh my soul and all that's within me. Bless His holy name, bless the Lord, oh my soul and forget not all of his benefits, who forgive us all of that iniquities, who heal us all of that diseases who redeem us our life from destruction, who crowns. He was loving kindness and tender mercies, who satisfies thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed as the egos. It goes on down. You drop down further in 103.

Bless the Lord ye angels of heals who harken to the voice of his word, who gives ear to his commandment, who carries out his commandment and that do his pleasure. And so, angels have been given charge by God to protect God's people. They're on assignment, they're on assignment. And so, God loves us so much that he has sent us heavenly assistance. He sent us angels to protect us in the way. If you go back and even study the old Testament, the old covenant, Moses, half the angel of the Lord went with them and before them and behind them, protected them throughout their journeys. Angel of the Lord was there with them and God says, you fear him because my name is in him. It was the angel of the Lord.

Psalms 34:7 says, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about us to deliver us." Man, you don't doubt. Oh my goodness, man.

He's given his angels charge over us to keep us. I'm so excited. I love Psalms 91. I'm so excited, man. I'm so excited. Listen to this. In his book, angels, Billy Graham relates to the story told by Reverend John Patton, a trailblazing missionary in the South Pacific. This story illustrates how God provides angels to protect and care for his believers. One night, Patton and his wife found themselves threatened by hostile natives who surrounded their mission headquarters. The Pattons stopped for sure that the natives would burned down the headquarters and kill them both.

They prayed throughout the night asking God to protect them from harm. The next morning, they were astonished when they realized that the natives had gone away. They had no idea where or why they had left.

The missionaries again prayed and thanked the Lord for saving them. About a year later, the chief of the native tribe who had threatened them became a Christian and he came to visit the Pattons. And when he was asked about the incident of that night of terror, the chief told the Pattons that he and his men were too fearful to carry out their plans of attack.

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They had seen an army of giant men and shining garments with drawn swords in their hands surrounding the mission grounds. Patton and the chief agreed that there was no explanation other than their god had sent angels to keep the missionaries from harm. Folks, oh God, has dispatched angels on our behalf and they are sent the minister for us. They are sent them to protect us. And so, angels are all around us. And we actually have more than one. Psalms 91, actually gives the two, it's in the plural. He gives us angels, plural. Everybody say, "plural." He gives us angels charge over us, to keep us. Praise God.

Now, where were we? I got it all excited about angels there. Okay, we were talking about the mother hen. I'm almost done. I'm almost done for today, but here in verse four says, "He shall the cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shall thou trust." Now, notice this last part, "His truth shall be thy shield and buckler." His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. The new living translation says, "His faithful promises are your armor and protection."

God's word is your armor and your protection. God's word is your armor and your protection. His truth shall be your shield and buckler. God's word is your armor and protection. Praise God. God's word is your armor and protection. God's word is your armor. Say it with me, "God's word is my armor and my protection. God's word is my armor and my protection. God's word is my armor and my protection."

So, what we're doing is we're going through Psalms 91, we're putting that armor on. We are finding out the parts of that armor

and we're fitting ourselves in that armor. God's word is your armor and your protection.

Let me tell you something. Now, there are a lot of natural ways to protect yourself from guns, to security systems, so all type of other detection cameras. You know there are a lot natural protection. And I'm going to be honest with you. You really can't protect yourself because there is always a way to get to you. I know people who have guns. They're still being killed. Guns won't protect you. True protection only comes from him. True protection only comes from God. Praise God. Now, I know that may not be popular but it's the truth. True protection only comes from God.

Just to give an example, I remember President Bush. Now, he has secret service all around him. All around him, all around the White House, he almost died choking on a pretzel. Secret service could save him. He almost died on a pretzel. True protection only comes from God. True protection only comes from God. A gun won't keep a virus from entering your body. A gun can't kill that. True protection only comes from God. A gun won't stop an evil wicked plot or trap. True protection only comes from God.

And so, what I am saying, it is diligent to use natural security measures than to use all of our security systems that we have and I implore that, I use some of them there myself. However, I understand, His word is my armor and my protection. His word is my armor and my protection. He is a dweller in a secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the all mighty.

Now, say it to the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress. Him will I trust." Praise God. Amen. Give the Lord a hand for his word. Amen. Praise God.

I'm going to stop right there. I'm going to stop right there. I'm just taking my time as I said last time. I'm not in a rush because I really feel that this is one of the most important subjects to every cover. Honestly, I'm not a God as interested in playing church. It doesn't interest me at all. I'm interested in finding out what God has for me. And I want to walk. I want to use what God has provided for me. And I want to use everything that his covenant provides.

And so, that's why I want to teach Psalm 91 until it's coming out of your ears. I want to teach until it's common out of your ears. And I want to just take my time and teach you because I think it will save our lives. I think it will save our lives because there's pestilence, there's danger, there's harm that only God can protect from, only God can protect from. Praise God. Praise God. We are grateful to God. He the dwelleth, and let me close that.

I like to quote Psalm 91. I love to quote it, "He the dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide them of the shadow of the almighty God." Say of the Lord, "He's my refuge and my fortress." My God in him will I trust. Thousand will fall at my side, 10,000 on my right hand but they shall not come near me. Only my with eyes will I see him behold the reward of the wicked. Surely, he shall deliver me from the snap of the fowler, from the noisome pestilence. I won't be afraid of the arrow by day, terrow by night with destruction that weighs the noon day, a pestilence that walks in the darkness.

There shall no evil, calamity, plague, sickness, disease, misfortune, or accident come near me or my dwelling for he gives his angels charge over thee, to keep thee and all thy ways. Because I have made the Lord my refuge and the most high my habitation. Because I have known his name and set my love upon him with long life will satisfy me and show me his salvation. He honors me, delivers me, answers me when I call on him. He is with me in trouble and he lifts me on high. He covers with his feathers and under his wings do I trust. His truth shall be my shield and my buckler. I thread on the lion and the otter. The young lion and the dragons shall I trample on the feet. He's angels bear me up in their hands less I dash my foot against the stone. Praise God. Give the Lord a hand for his word. Man, that is your armor, that is your protection, and that's your defense. Praise God. Stand on your feet,

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Male: Praise God. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory. Glory. Glory. Glory. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, Jesus.

This is from the most high God, the almighty. He has provided place of shelter and refuge for his people. He has provided secret service protection for his believers. Now, we will sail with the Lord. He's our refuge, in Him we trust. We are safe. We are safe. We are safe.

Let's pray. Father, thank you so much. We love you, Lord. Thank you for the truth of your word. Thank you for giving your angels charge over us. Thank you that word is our armor and protection, Lord. Thank you, Lord, that we are under wings, under your feathers. You love us so much, you protect us. We thank you for this covenant and protection found in Psalms 91 and I just declare that no hurt, harm, or danger, no disease, or plague, or infection will come near us, near your people. This is in Jesus' name, we pray. Let every heart say, "Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Glory. Glory. Glory. Glory. Glory."

Somebody shout on this, Psalm 91. It's your protection. Praise God. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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