

Wisdom Not Worry
Monday, April 20, 2020
Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

We could not believe our good fortune! We were enjoying some of the best seats in the house. Sitting so close to the stage we could almost smell Vestal Goodman's perfume and confirm absolutely that Jake Hess wore a hair piece. We just couldn't understand why more people weren't joining us in these prime Gaither Homecoming Concert seats. We learned soon enough when an official looking fellow asked to see our tickets. "I'm afraid I'm going to have to ask you to move," he said. "These seats are reserved for VIP ticket holders." What a shame! We made the mistake of assuming the blessings of front row seats could be enjoyed by anyone and everyone who claimed them. Don't make the same mistake when it comes to Psalm 91. Don't assume the blessings of this psalm are promised to everyone.

The Psalmist says clearly, the comfort in time of trouble is reserved for "*he who dwells* in the shelter of the Most High." What does it mean to "dwell" in the shelter of the Most High? David gives us a clue in Psalm 15 when he asks, "Lord, who may *dwell* in your sacred tent?... The one whose walk is blameless; who does what is righteous." Only he who is "blameless" and "righteous" can count on Psalm 91 blessings. Only Jesus is. But "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). Apart from Christ, we have no right to these front row blessings. But in Christ we have the "right to become children of God" (John 1:12). When anxious, lonely and insecure, where do you dwell? Do you say, "My refuge and my fortress, My God in whom I trust'?" Moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, dwell in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Then, confidently take your seat with those who can rightfully claim the blessings of Psalm 91.

Grateful,
Pastor Ben