

Wisdom Not Worry
Thursday, April 23, 2020
Psalm 91:4

“...his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”

The Psalmist applies the imagery of a shield used in hand-to-hand combat and a rampart, a fortified wall that surrounds a city, to express his confidence in God’s faithfulness to protect him.

One thing is for certain, the coronavirus is exposing misplaced confidences. The folly of finding security in finances has been unmasked. Have you looked at your 401k lately? Anyone who says, “Well, at least I have my health” must feel at least a little vulnerable these days. And with quarantine measures, we’ve even had to assess the value we place family and friends as a source well-being. Though blessings every one, health, wealth and relationships prove to be unreliable under siege. Like cowardice companions, there’s no guarantee they will be there when danger lurks.

For the Psalmist, God’s faithfulness, is the only dependable protection. The word translated faithfulness is *emeth*. It is an interesting three letter Hebrew word made up from the first, middle and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet. God, the alpha and the omega is faithful from first breath to final gasp and everything in between. “When other helpers fail and comforts flee,” He who was, is and forever will be remains faithful, reliable and true.

“Ah,” you say, “so my faith will get me through!” Not your faith, but His faithfulness. Even if we are faithless, he remains faithful (2 Tim. 2:13). When our faith falters, His faithfulness stands firm. Has this pandemic exposed some misplaced confidences? Repent and receive Him as your shield and rampart.

“God go before you to lead you, God go behind you to protect you, God go beneath you to support you, God go beside you to befriend you. Do not be afraid. May the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you. Do not be afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.” (Dr. Cornelius Plantinga)

Grateful,
Ben

PS. Meditate on God's Faithfulness as you listen to "Abide with Me"
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