

*Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.
He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. - Ps. 91:1-6*

Ken Davis, a Christian comedian and speaker from days past, tells of a T-shirt he wanted to have made. On it was a scrawny, ugly sheep walking through a valley, with a huge, ferocious wolf on one side, a roaring lion on the other, and a band of terrifying outlaws waiting up ahead. Beside the sheep walked Jesus, and the sheep was crooking a thumb at Him. There was one speech bubble for the sheep as he looked at the dangers on every side: "I'm with Him."

This has been the attitude of every hero of the bible, from Shadrach/Meshach/Abednego to Daniel to Jeremiah to Peter in prison to John on Patmos. Over and over again, God's people, when faced with danger, trouble, and turmoil in life, have found shelter in God. That's what this Psalm (Ps. 91) is all about. While we Shelter in Place, we also must find Shelter in God.

Look at the metaphors used in this Psalm. How many can you find? And they are all about God sheltering His beloved children. One of my favorite metaphors in scripture comes from this Psalm, that of a mother bird sheltering her young. Covered with His wings, we find refuge. And this is not just refuge from a long day. This is not shelter from a spring shower. This is protection from terror, weapons, pestilence, and plague. This is shelter from real danger, not just metaphorical danger.

As we Shelter in Place, are you allowing God to be your shelter in this storm?

What other things are you relying on to keep you safe and secure?

What would it look like, feel like, to truly trust God to cover us with His wings and protect us from all dangers today?