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The Pen of a Ready Writer

...I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the Pen of a Ready Writer (Psalm 45:1).

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Because Thou Hast...

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways (Psalm 91:8-11).

Many times, the first application of the Psalms is to Christ. While tempting the Lord, Satan quotes a portion of this passage, as he tries to get the Lord to reveal himself by throwing himself off of the pinnacle of the temple (Matthew 4:6). Satan starts by saying, *If thou be the Son of God...* (Matthew 4:6). Jesus declares to him, *Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God* (Matthew 4:7). This is a reference to Jesus, for God the Father declares of Christ, *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever* (Hebrews 1:8).

How does the 91st psalm apply to men? Consider the reason why *only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked*. The Psalmist writes, *Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation*.

The term *refuge* is defined as *habitation* in the 91st psalm. In the 9th psalm, making the Lord our refuge is accomplished by putting our trust in him: *The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord hast not forsaken them that seek thee* (Psalm 9:9-10). The 91st psalm confirms this: *I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust* (Psalm 91:2).

If we confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and believe in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead, we have the promise of salvation (Romans 10:9). Why? Because, with the heart, man believes unto righteousness; and, with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For, the scripture says, *Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed* (Romans 10:10-11).

We will not be ashamed at his second coming to earth, for we shall be like him when we see him as he is in the Rapture (1 John 3:2). We shall, from that moment, ever be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17). Nor will we be ashamed at the White Throne, for the second death has no power over us (Revelation 20:6-14; 3:9).

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There is a Day coming...

The Old Testament prophet spoke of it: *Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout O Isreal; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any-*

more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God, in the midst of thee, is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing (Zephaniah 3:14-17).

As Richard states below, we both walked the Valley of the Shadow of Death with Covid-19. This was hard times for both of us. I felt so alone as I was in the hospital. I had many who were praying for me. On one particular day, as I was at my lowest, I received a telephone call from a doctor here in Greenville. He prayed with me, and, at that point, I felt a renewed strength not to give up.

God made it clear to me that he loved me in spite of my sickness, and he was not going to forsake me now! We all go through trying times. God is there for us; and, He works through every situation in our lives. Whatever we are facing now, it is to bring us closer to Him.

I praise God for His great salvation and for bringing us through this hard time.

Certification Conference

October 1-3, Vickie must attend a yearly certification session in Myrtle Beach, SC. I will travel with her.

Oak Grove Baptist Church, Piedmont, SC

Pastor Will George has asked me to preach on Sunday morning, October 10th.

The Sunny Saints

Vickie and I will be giving our testimonies to a group of Senior Saints at Victory Baptist Church, Simpsonville, SC, at a luncheon on Thursday, October 14th. Rev. John Heffernan is their pastor. In addition. I will be bringing a challenge.

Mount Bethel Baptist Church, East Bend, NC

Pastor Bobby Watts has asked me to preach Sunday night, October 17th, at Mount Bethel Baptist.

Covid-19: *Walking the Valley of the Shadow of Death*

I was eleven years old when my first dramatic experience of facing Death occurred. The decking on a new house construction collapsed just after I had climbed out from under it. It was cool down there, in the shade the deck provided. There were stones to toss or to hit with a board before the gravel was spread and the concrete floor poured. I would play down there, while Dad, along with others, laid the block and brick walls of the house. I did not know the Lord then.

Vickie and I both have walked the valley of the Shadow of Death with Covid-19. I came down with it first; she followed a few days later. We have not been able to figure how we came in contact with it; but it could have very easily taken our lives.

We praise the Lord for delivering us from it and for giving to us extended days to his honor and glory. We thank you for your prayers. King David said, *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me (Psalm 23:4)*. The Lord never leaves us, nor forsakes us, whether we go or stay!