

My thoughts of "In the Shadows of Thy Wings"

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Anyone who has read the Word of God is sure to recognize Psalms 91:1. He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. You may also remember reading Psalms 63:7 Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice. But what does this mean? What does it truly mean to a follower of Jesus Christ who abides under the shadow of his wings?

The Hebrew word for "abide" in Psalms 91:1 is "luwn" which means to stay permanently. The meaning is clear: if we choose to abide under God's shadow, His wings, we need to stay and dwell with Him permanently! Mankind has all been given free will, so it is a choice that we must decide for ourselves. Choosing to abide under the shadow of God's wings means making it our home, not a temporary place to stay, but a permanent dwelling.

Just what does the shadow of His wings do? They protect you from harm. It's not like an earthly shadow that can lessen the heat of the day, but it protects you with a solid covering. It hides you from harm and from the sight of our enemies of the kingdom of darkness.

It provides comfort and brings inner peace to us by knowing when we see His shadow, when we are under His wings, that God Almighty is above us. He is always hovering near. It is also a source of great joy because when you start to enjoy the benefits of God's wings, abiding under God's care, it's only a matter of time before you will be filled with not just happiness, but unspeakable joy because God is protecting you, comforting you, hiding you and giving you His peace. That peace that passes all understanding. The peace that doesn't make sense to the world. The "how you can remain calm and peaceful while your world around you is being turned into utter chaos" kind of peace!!!

We can also obtain great mercy while in the Shadows of His wings. Psalms 57:1 says, "Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." To the true Christian, the shadow of God's wings is where our hearts long to be. Not in the things and cares of this life, but in Jesus, in Christ alone. "So hide me Lord Jesus, hide me under the shadow of thy wings!"

Psalms 91:1

Isaiah 26:3

Philippians 4:7

Psalms 57:1

Psalms 56:3