

The Song of Plagues, God's Mercy

Psalm 91:1-6

Verse 1:

Believers feel _____ from pursuing enemies (Ps. 31:20).

The idea of great hospitality, protection, and provision comes from the Hebrew word *Hesed* often translated "_____."

Verse 2:

Refuge and Fortress are referenced to the _____ where the presence of God dwelt (Ps. 27:5).

Verse 3:

Fowler - The implication is that God will _____ you from the dangerous attempts against your life that comes from evil, pestilence, famine, et.al.

Verse 4:

Under His wings - is the Shekinah (_____ of God), Exod. 25:17-22.

Shield: A shield could in fact completely _____ and protect the warrior.

Buckler: A buckler is a _____, a barricade, protection, and defense against attack.

Verse 5:

Terror by night is the absence of _____.

"You will not be afraid"

Arrow that flies by day is not a human weapon, rather, metaphorically some _____ power. "Perilous times will come" (2 Tim. 3:1).

"The LORD will protect you from all evil: He will keep your soul. The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever" (Ps. 121:7-8, NASB)

Verse 6:

Pestilence (that walks in the darkness): The context is that of demons or envoys of _____.

Destruction (that lays waste at noonday): The Hebrew word is *qetev* meaning "_____, to cut-off, to scourge" like that of a scorching desert wind or a deadly sandstorm.

Points to Ponder:

1. Believers are in the “_____” of the Almighty.
2. We are protected from _____ and from anything or anyone pursuing us.
3. God will never _____ His children.
4. There is no need to fear; He will _____ us (Heb.13:5–6; Isa. 41:13).
5. God is sovereign, the _____ of the universe.
6. Believers are under the Divine _____ of God.
7. God’s protection is an encompassing shield.
8. The Temple, where the presence of God dwelt, is where you found safety and _____.
9. For those of you who are believers in Jesus remember Paul’s words: “*Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s*” (1 Cor. 6:19–20, NKJV).
10. The peace, protection, and safety we all long for is found in _____. The presence of God, through the Holy Spirit, dwells in you. We need not fear.
11. God protects in the darkness, where there is no light, and at noon, when the brightest of the light shines.
12. Jesus taught his disciples, “*What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops*” (Matt. 10:27, NASB).
13. It is in the _____ that we learn to listen to Jesus. It is during the times of trial and uncertain circumstances that He whispers in our ears. – Jesus speaks intimately in moments of pain, fear, and suffering.
14. To hear Him, we must be _____. Be silent and pause.
15. Listen to what God wants to say through God the Holy Spirit, and then, in the _____, shout it from the rooftops or simply share with your neighbor or loved one. “*...In the world, you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world*” (John 16:33 (NKJV)). “*Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*” (John 14:27 (NKJV)).

We ask you, Master, be our helper and defender. Rescue those of our number in distress; raise up the fallen; assist the needy; heal the sick; turn back those of your people who stray; feed the hungry; release our captives; revive the weak; encourage those who lose heart. Let all the nations realize that you are the only God, that Jesus Christ is your Child, and that we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.

— *First Epistle of Clement (ca. AD 96)*