

## Under The Shadow Of His Wings — 05/24/20

**TEXT- Psa 91:1-16** *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.*

**INTRO – Being in the will of God is the safest place to reside. Under His authority means we are also under His protection and comfort.**

**We have a choice to run from God's protection or to wait under His care during times of trial and temptation.**

**John Newton – From disgrace to Amazing Grace**

**Psa 23:4** *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

### I. Don't remove yourself from under His wings of protection

**Avoiding God - Adam and Eve hid themselves**

**Running from the call of God - Jonah**

**Deu 1:42** *And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies.*

**Why do people run from God?**

- **Because of fear**

**Psa 27:1** *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

**Mat 25:24-25** *Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.*

**“It is not the critic who counts, not the one who points out how the strong man stumbled or how the doer of deeds might have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred with sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, if he wins, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.”**

- **Because of Trials**

***Trials can make up bitter or better!***

**“God cannot use a man greatly unless He wounds him deeply”**

- **Because of sin**

**There are the pleasures of sin. But for a season**

**Heb 11:25** *Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

**Sin will take you farther than you want to go**

**Keep you longer than you want to stay**

**Cost you more than you want to pay.**

- **Because of the world**

**2 Ti 4:10** *For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world*

**Lot chose the plains of Sodom**

**We are to be “in the world not of the world”**

**When water gets in the boat it is not a good thing**

- **Because of the influence of Satan**

**1 Pe 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

**2 Co 2:11** *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*

**Melanie – Body found in New Britain**

- **Because of pride**

### II. Wait Under His protection wings

- **We are protected**

**Pro 18:10** *The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.*

**Mat 23:37** *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*

- **We are comforted**

**Psa 46:1-11** *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. 4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted*

among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

- **We gain strength**

**“Character is the tree our reputation is the shadow”**

**2 Co 12:9-10** And he said unto me, *My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.* Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

- **We learn patience**

**Isa 40:31** But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

- **We learn trust**

Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

- **We depend upon God**

**Mat 10:37-38** *He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.*

**Isa 1:18** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Donald Grey Barnhouse, led the son of a prominent American family to the Lord. He was in the military, but he showed the reality of his conversion by immediately professing Christ before the soldiers of his company. After the war ended he was to return to his pre-war life in the wealthy suburb of a large American city. He talked to Barnhouse about life with his family and expressed fear that he might soon slip back into his old habits. He was afraid that love for parents, brothers, sisters, and friends might turn him from following after Jesus Christ. Barnhouse told him that if he was careful to make public confession of his faith in Christ, he would not have to worry. He would not have to give improper friends up. The would give him up. As a result of this conversation the young man agreed to tell the first ten people of his old set whom he encountered that he had become a Christian. The soldier went home. Almost immediately--in fact, while he was still on the platform of the suburban station at the end of his return trip--he met a girl whom he had known socially. She was delighted to see him and asked how he was doing. He told her, "The greatest thing that could possibly happen to

me has happened." "You're engaged to be married," she exclaimed. "No," he told her. "It's even better than that. I've taken the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior." The girls' expression froze. She mumbled a few polite words and went on her way. A short time later the new Christian met a young man whom he had known before going into the service. "It's good to see you back," he declared. "We'll have some great parties now that you've returned." "I've just become a Christian," the soldier said. He was thinking, That's two! Again it was a case of a frozen smile and a quick change of conversation. After this the same circumstances were repeated with a young couple and with two more old friends. By this time word had got around, and soon some of his friends stopped seeing him. He had become peculiar, religious, and -- who knows! -- they may even have called him crazy! What had he done? Nothing but confess Christ. The same confession that had aligned him with Christ had separated him from those who did not want Jesus Christ as Savior and who, in fact, did not even want to hear about Him