

## **Psalm 91 Devotional**

### **Verses 1-4**

The Psalms are Hebrew poems that were sung by the people. They use descriptive and emotional language to describe God, life, and the human experience. They are not theological statements or pure doctrine. The best way to understand them is to use the pictures depicted by the writer to gain insight and knowledge of who God is, what life is about it, and how are we are to respond.

*Let's read the first four verses. Reread, because we are memorizing this psalm!*

There are quite a few word pictures here. Look up the words you don't know. Take your time and think about each one; these are rich pictures of the character of God!

What are the word pictures in verses 1 and 2? What do they say about God? People?

What are the word pictures in verses 3 and 4? What do they say about God? People?

The writer also uses different names for God. What are they and what do they tell us about God?

What is the writer of the Psalm expressing? What may he be experiencing in life right now?

How can we apply these ideas to our lives? Be practical. Where do you need to be covered? Where do you need to trust?

Jesus said all scripture is ultimately about him. How do these verses point to Jesus? What did he cover us from?

My thoughts... these verses speak mightily to God's protection for his people. I like the picture of abiding in his shadow. As we face life, God is in front of us, and we are slightly behind him and to the side, like a child seeking protection from a parent. This picture depicts the intimate relationship God desires with us and reminds me of his constant love and protection. He is the protector, he is faithful, and we are the receivers of his care! These words are a great reminder to us during these uncertain times. God will protect us! Find shelter in Him, stay close to Him, and trust in the Lord!