

Psalm 91:1-4 NLT

[1] Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. [2] This I DECLARE about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. [3] For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. [4] He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. _His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

Many times we just read over Scripture silently. However, we must realise that many genres of Scripture were in fact SPOKEN and therefore designed to be HEARD. For example, there are huge portions of prophetic text that were declared to the people as loud public announcements and proclamations. Even narrations in the gospels and letters contain spoken dialogues and sermons that were preached by Jesus and apostles. The entire book of Psalms are poetic songs that are meant to be sung to different melodies (Psalms is really a collection of 5 albums of songs that have important themes).

In Psalm 91:2, we are 'instructed' to DECLARE unto the Lord - "He is my refuge, my place of safety; my God in whom I trust.'

In verse 4, we should declare his PROMISES because they are our armour and protection. Remember that life and death is in the power of the tongue. You have the power and authority to PUT OFF the old, negative thoughts, perceptions etc... and PUT ON God's word as pieces of the armour through your declaration. Speak it out in your prayer time, while you are driving, walking, and going through your day (it's ok, people will just think you are talking on your hands-free mobile phone 😊). Remember that as you do this you are building your faith because 'faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God'. Once you have declared the scriptural promises... then begin to pray in your heavenly language (tongues) and listen to the Holy Spirit, he will guide further into the truth.

DECLARE PROMISE: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NLT

[23] Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. [24] God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

- Let's be blameless in our daily job and in our spiritual walk with God. Examine ourselves daily.
- God's promise is..."I will sanctify you and keep you blameless until Jesus returns." (DECLARE THIS ALOUD! SING IT, PROCLAIM IT). Now begin to pray in tongues and listen to the Holy Spirit.

We love and are praying for all of you. See you this Sunday. Please pray for the ACTIVATE weekend that starts tonight. Also don't forget to fill out the survey re the Australia Law reform Commission into Christian schooling... It's time to stand up and protest the evil changes. God bless you.

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