

#### ATTENTION-

Children have a hard time understanding anything outside of the immediate. But we Christians must look at life (James 4:14 . . . What is your life? You are a **mist** that appears for a little while and then vanishes.) in the context of eternity. "For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all." (2 Cor 4:17)

#### SCRIPTURE SEARCH- (Utilizing the New International Version)

What is the promise of Psalm 91:1?

What is the Lord in Psalm 91:2?

What is the promise of Psalm 91:9-10?

How do you explain this promise to Christians who have experienced disaster? (Think eternally, 2 Cor 4:17)

Who does the Lord use to protect you in Psalm 91:11-12?

What causes the Lord's protection in Psalm 91:14?

#### LESSON-

The Lord shelters those who love Him.

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*(Remember . . . the table of contents at the front of your Bible is one of the most important pages in the Bible. You can go there and find out where the book of Psalms is.)*

#### ILLUSTRATION-

It was Christmas Eve 1875 and Ira Sankey was traveling on a Delaware River steamboat when he was recognized by some of the passengers. His picture had been in the newspaper because he was the song leader for the famous evangelist D.L. Moody. They asked him to sing one of his own hymns, but Sankey demurred, saying that he preferred to sing William B. Bradbury's hymn, "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." As he sang, one of the stanzas began, "We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way." When he finished, a man stepped from the shadows and asked, "Did you ever serve in the Union Army?"

"Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, "in the spring of 1860."

"Can you remember if you were doing picket duty on a bright, moonlit night in 1862?"

"Yes," Mr. Sankey answered, very much surprised.

"So did I, but I was serving in the Confederate army. When I saw you standing at your post, I thought to myself, 'That fellow will never get away alive.' I raised my musket and took aim. I was standing in the shadow, completely concealed, while the full light of the moon was falling upon you. At that instant, just as a moment ago, you raised your eyes to

heaven and began to sing... 'Let him sing his song to the end,' I said to myself, 'I can shoot him afterwards. He's my victim at all events, and my bullet cannot miss him.' But the song you sang then was the song you sang just now. I heard the words perfectly: 'We are Thine; do Thou befriend us. Be the Guardian of our way.' Those words stirred up many memories. I began to think of my childhood and my God-fearing mother. She had many times sung that song to me. When you had finished your song, it was impossible for me to take aim again. I thought, 'The Lord who is able to save that man from certain death must surely be great and mighty.' And my arm of its own accord dropped limp at my side."

K. Hughes, *Liberating Ministry From The Success Syndrome*, Tyndale, 1988, p. 69.

#### PRAYER-

Lord, I love You. Thank You for sheltering me even when I can not see it. Amen