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The Importance of Who You Know . . .

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In this Worship Column, we are now near completion of our gleanings from Psalm 91. It was written



3,500 years ago by "Moshe" (Moses) as inspired by the Holy Spirit.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness ..." (II Timothy 3:16).

The hundred and fifty "Psalms as we have it today is just like it was when Christ used the book [scroll]." It was "written in Palestine [now Israel] and Babylon [Iraq] from about 1,500 – 450 B.C. (Dake's Annotated Reference Bible).

PROTECTION OF ANGELS

"For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. They shall bear you up in their hands [palms], lest you dash your foot against a stone" (Psalm 81:11,12 KJV MOD.).

To my knowledge I have never seen an angel, though Scripture says you and I may have "entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2 NIV).

My daughter-in-law Diane Bennett did see an angel. Diane had terminal cancer. The Christmas before she died she told me that a large, beautiful angel had flown over her bed. She explained that he seemed to be doing a fly by, observing, checking on her.

I thought to myself he perhaps would come back later to carry her to her heavenly Home.

THE GREAT TEMPTATION

It's interesting that at the time of Jesus' Great Temptation by the fallen traitor cherub, Lucifer, he used this very scripture to tempt Jesus. It is "partially quoted by Satan in Matthew 4:6; Luke 4:10. The phrase, "in all Your ways" is omitted but, the phrase, "at any time" is added by Satan, showing how he misquotes and misapplies Scripture.

"Also vs. 13 is omitted by Satan, because it predicts his own crushing defeat (Genesis 3:16, Luke 10:19). The verse has a double reference.

"This promises power over wild beasts and creeping things, as well as power over all satanic powers symbolized by them" (Dake's Bible).

The actual verse reads, "You shall tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shall you trample under feet" (Ps. 91:13 KJV MOD.).

How awesome to think that Moses prophesied scriptures of Jesus' Temptation, battling for the human race, 1,500 years before it happened. This is also effective for Believers now 3,500 years later!

WHO YOU KNOW

There is an old saying, "It is not what you know but who you know."

Let's apply this to Psalm 91:14, "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high because he has known My Name."

This speaks of a devoted person who spends time with God in prayer and study of the Words He left to help us know Him personally. In this very chapter, we have gone deeper into the name God:

El Shaddai – God Almighty,
El Elyon – God most high,
Yud-heh-vav-heh (four most sacred letters) LORD spoken as *Adonai*.

In the New Testament we read, "Wherefore God also has given Him a name which is above every [earthly] name; that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11, KJV).

The most important person we can know is God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In fact, the reason we were born was to meet Him personally, and become part of His eternal family. This is our greatest decision in our one and only life.

We have two more verses and a review next time. Now close your eyes, relax, and see how far you can go in quoting Psalm 91.

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