

A 40-DAY FAITH EXPERIENCE

HEALER

Why do we need in this series?

Our people are hurting.

Our families are hurting.

Our nation is hurting.

We need a Healer.

Without healing, we can't focus on anything else.

With healing, we can move forward to our next mission assignment.

Why 40 Days?

Number “forty” + (time period) is mentioned 146 times in Scripture.

It symbolizes trial and testing, probation, or the fulfillment of promises.

40 Days in the Bible

- Moses was on the mountain with God for 40 days (TWICE). (Exodus 24:18 and 34:28-29)
- Moses' face shone after 40 days on the mountain. (Exodus 34:29)
- Israelite spies spent 40 days searching out the Promised Land. (Numbers 13:25)
- The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness, one year for each day they explored the Promised Land and didn't trust God. (Exodus 16:35 & Numbers 14:33-34)

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H Help me!

E Enlighten me!

A Accept me!

L Listen to me!

Who will answer when I cry out?

Psalm 91

On March
5, 2020,
we first
encouraged
our church
family to
pray this
scripture.

As the world fears Coronavirus, join us in praying Psalm 91
Security of the One Who Trusts in the LORD



FIRST MELISSA

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust!" For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the **deadly pestilence**. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark. You will not be afraid of the terror by night, or of the arrow that flies by day; of **the pestilence that stalks in darkness**, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you. You will only look on with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked. For you have made the LORD, my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place. **No evil will befall you, nor will any plague come near your tent.** For He will give His angels charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, that you do not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread upon the lion and cobra, the young lion and the serpent you will trample down. "Because he has loved Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name. He will call upon Me, and I will answer him; **I will be with him in trouble**; I will rescue him and honor him. With a long life I will satisfy him and let him see My salvation."

He who dwells in the shelter of the
Most High will abide in the shadow
of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

*dwell יָשׁוּב yashab

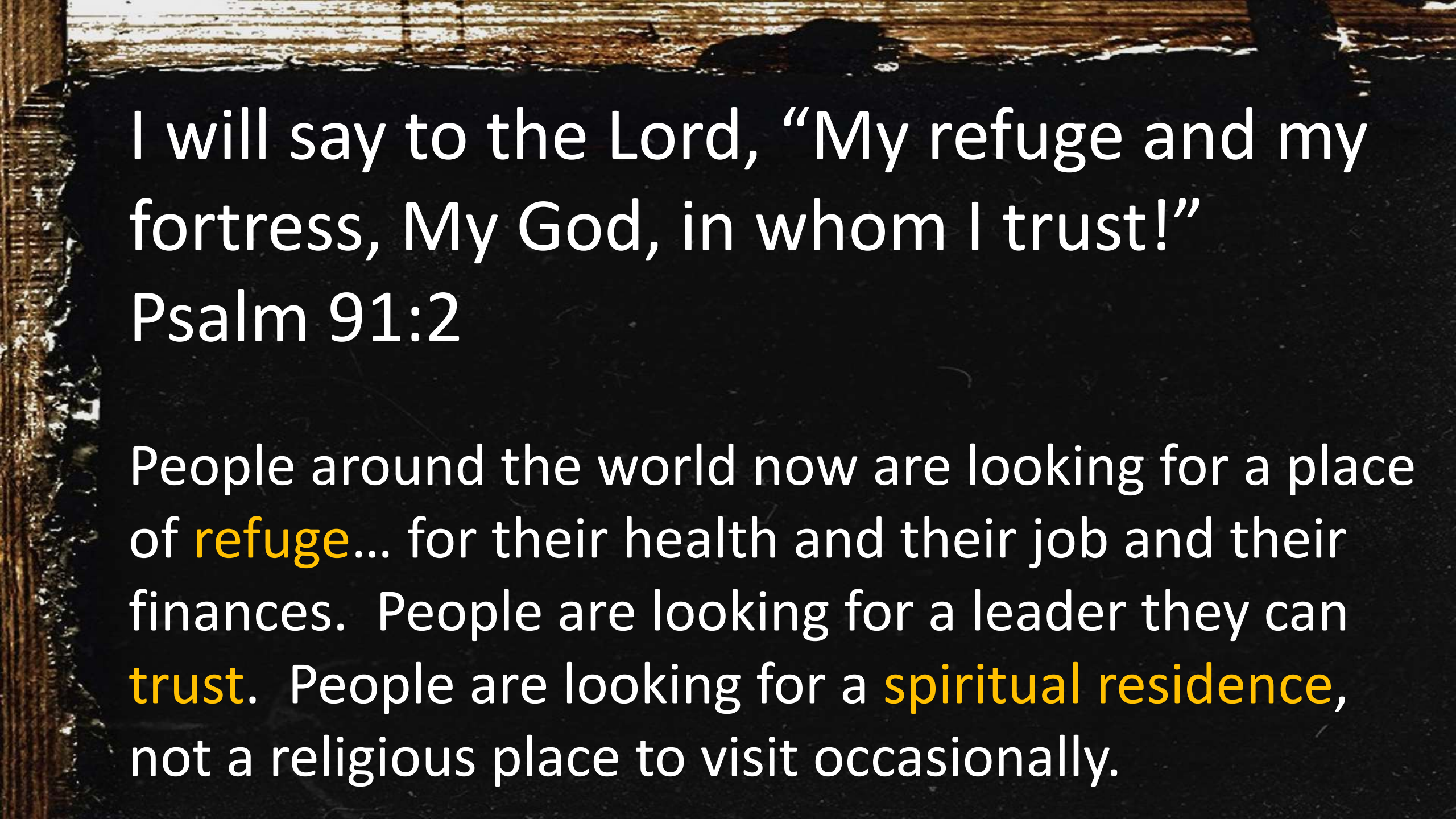
*abide לִין loon

This is not a drive-by relationship with God

What does “dwelling” with God look like?

It is the character of a true believer that he dwells in the secret place of the Most High; he is at home in God, returns to God, and reposes in Him as his rest; he acquaints himself with inward religion, and makes heart-work of the service of God, worships within the veil, and loves to be alone with God, to converse with Him in solitude.

Source: Matthew Henry's Commentary



I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!”

Psalm 91:2

People around the world now are looking for a place of **refuge**... for their health and their job and their finances. People are looking for a leader they can **trust**. People are looking for a **spiritual residence**, not a religious place to visit occasionally.

What you call someone signifies your relationship with that person

- Husband / Wife
- Son / Daughter
- Friend
- Sir / Ma'am
- Hey you

What you call God signifies your relationship with Him

- Most High El-yown עֶלְיוֹן
- Almighty Shaddai שַׁדַּי
- Lord Yahweh יְהוָה
- Refuge Mah-seh מַחְסֶה [shelter]
- Fortress Mat-so-dah מְצוּדָה [stronghold]
- God Elohim אֱלֹהִים

Who is El Shaddai?

- As God Almighty, He is fully capable of accomplishing all His promises.
- Genesis 17:1 is the first Tanakh/Old Testament occurrence of the title “God Almighty **El Shaddai**.”
 - Also in Genesis 28:3; 35:11; 43:14; 48:3; 49:25.
- **Shaddai** שַׁדַּי, when used of God, refers either to His ability to supply abundantly [“the Abundant One”] or to His majestic strength [“the Almighty One”].
- He is the God whose power is sufficient in every human weakness.

What does our world need now?

- Refuge *maḥseh* מַחֲסֶה
- Definition: shelter from danger
- Used of the Lord nine times in the Psalms:
14:6; 46:1, 61:3; 62:7–8; 71:7; 73:28; 91:2, 9.
- God is our **refuge** and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

For it is He who delivers you from the
snare of the trapper [sudden and unseen] and
from the deadly **pestilence** [against which
there is no guard]. Psalm 91:3

Pestilence דֶּבֶר dever

“the promise is not security
from but security in”

Source: New Bible Commentary

**Novel Coronavirus
COVID-19**



COVID 19 Statistics

As of January 29, 2022

- 372.55 million cases worldwide
- 5.66 million deaths worldwide
- 74.2 million cases in the United States
- 883,000 deaths in the United States
- 6.17 million cases in Texas
- 79,519 deaths in Texas

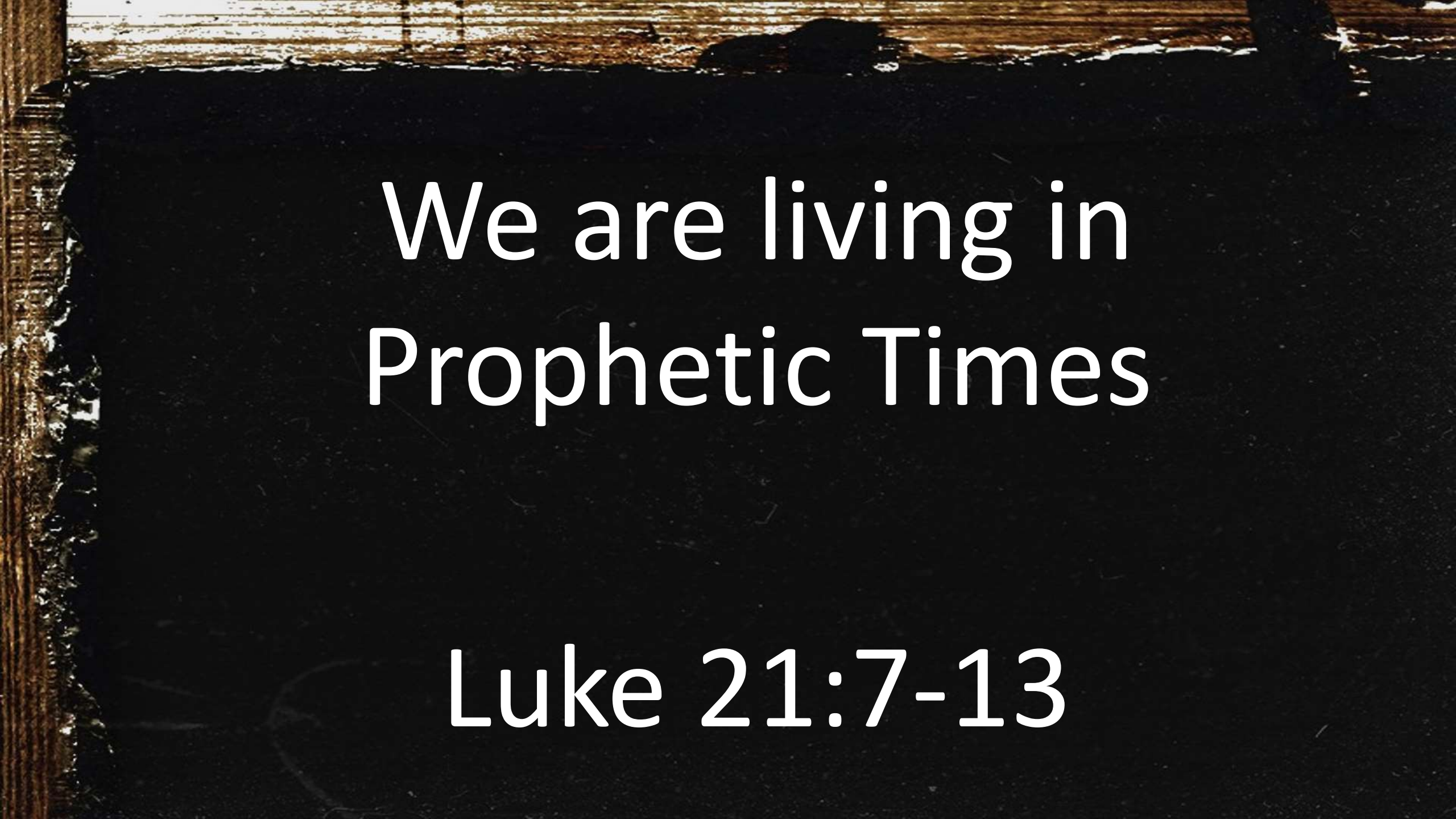
Source: New York Times

**We are not the first generation of
God's people to face deadly diseases**

**Biblical words that
describe a
plague / pestilence**

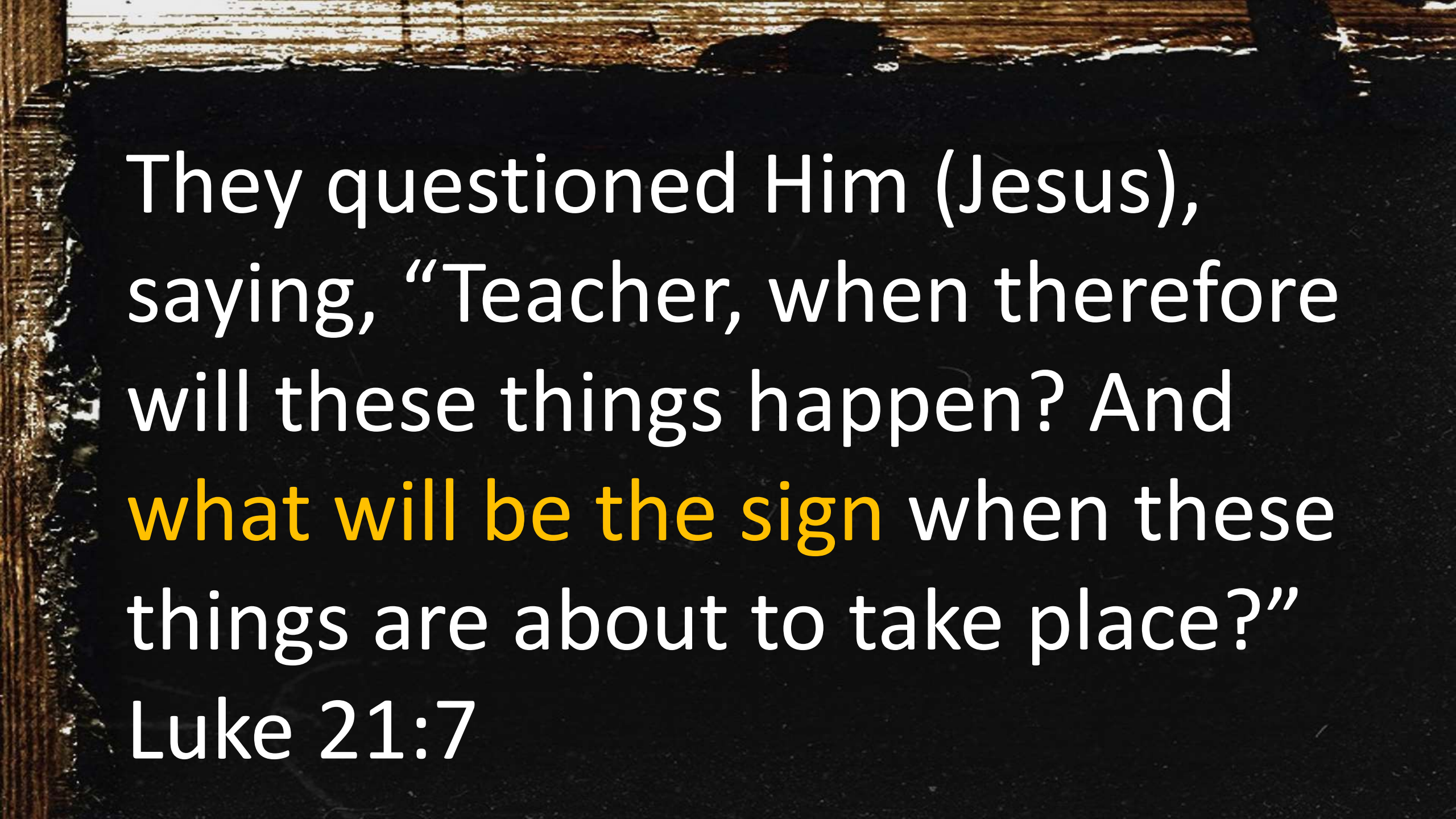
- Hebrew word **dever** דֶּבֶר is commonly translated as “pestilence” or “plague” – used 49 times in Tanakh / Old Testament.
- Hebrew word **nega** נֶגַע is often translated as “plague” – used 78 times in Tanakh / Old Testament.
- Hebrew word **makkah** מַכָּה is sometimes translated as “plague” – used 48 times in Tanakh / Old Testament.

- Greek word **plege** πληγή is often translated in English versions of the Bible as “plague” and is used 21 times in the Greek New Testament.
- Greek word **loimos** λοιμός is used 3 times in the Greek New Testament. It is used twice as the English word “pestilences” in King James Version.



We are living in
Prophetic Times

Luke 21:7-13

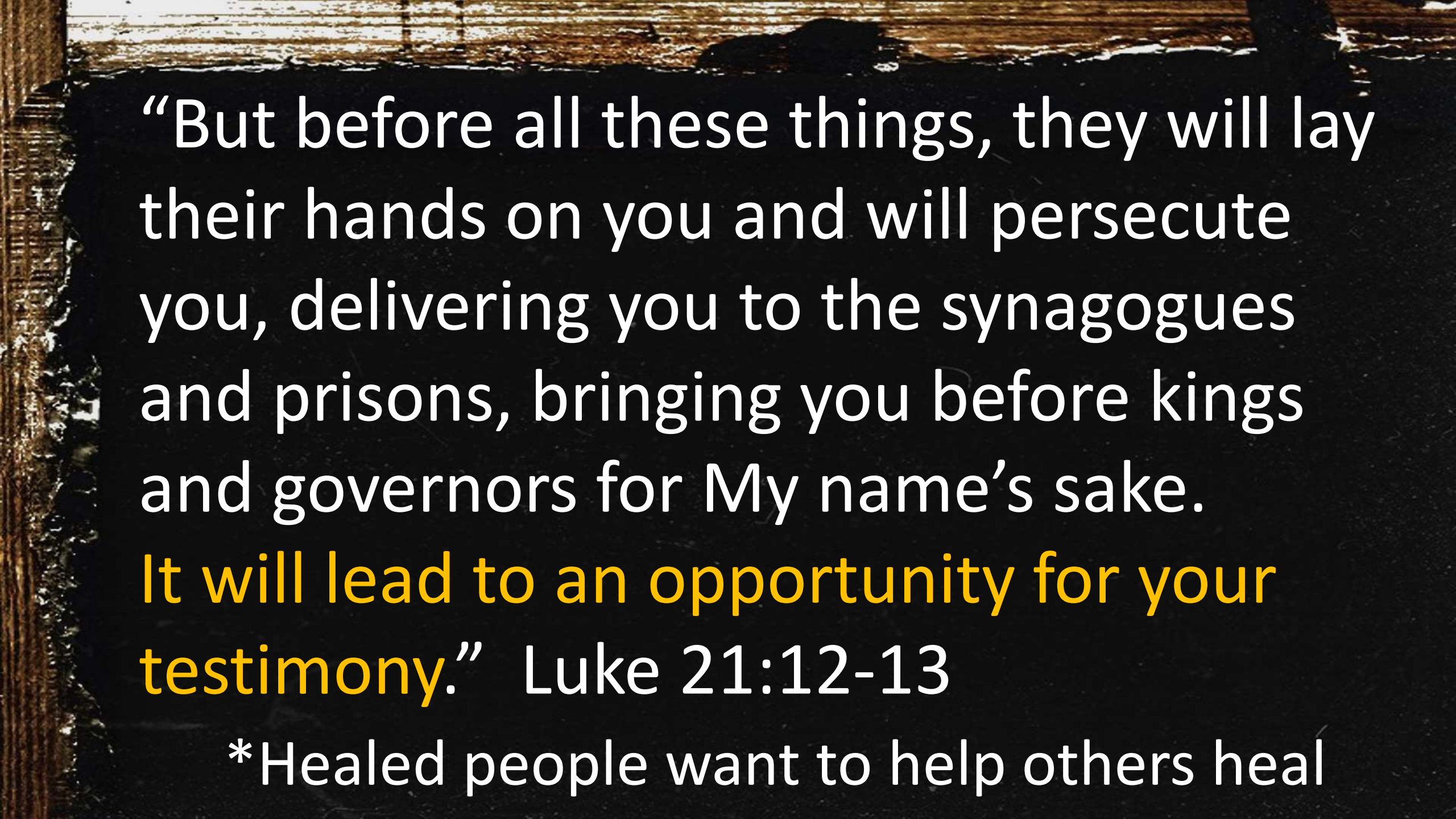


They questioned Him (Jesus),
saying, “Teacher, when therefore
will these things happen? And
what will be the sign when these
things are about to take place?”

Luke 21:7

And He (Jesus) said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them. **When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.**" Luke 21:8-9

Then He (Jesus) continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places **plagues** (loimos λοιμός) and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.” Luke 21:10-11



“But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake.

It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.” Luke 21:12-13

*Healed people want to help others heal

Psalm 91

He will cover you with His pinions
(wings), and under His wings you may
seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield
and bulwark. Psalm 91:4

Pinion אֶבְרָה *'ebrah...* outer part of a bird's wing including
flight feathers

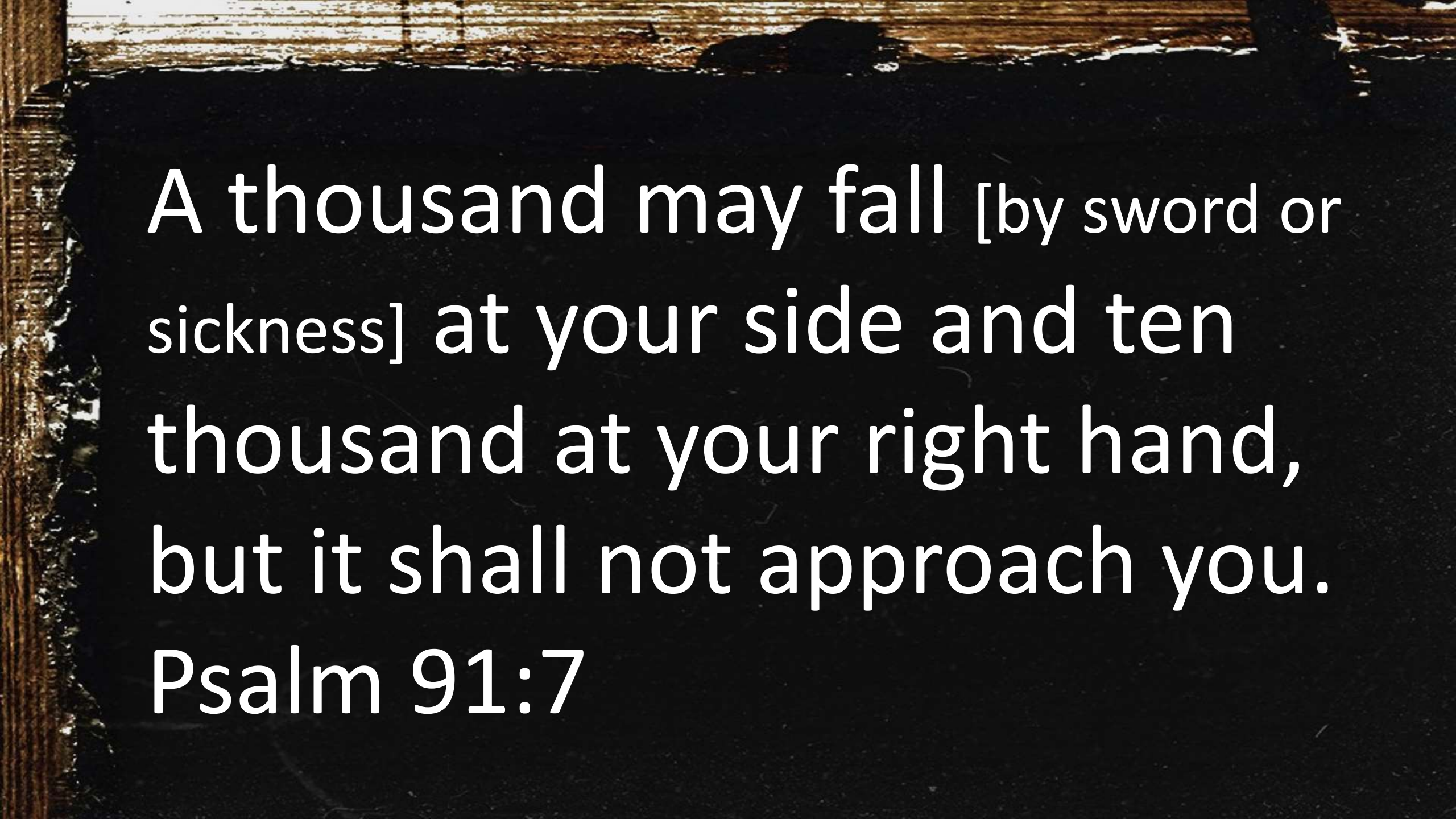
Divine protection is our prayer during a time of plague

You will not be afraid of the terror
by night, or of the arrow that flies
by day; of the **pestilence** [דֶּבֶר dever]
that stalks in darkness, or of the
destruction that lays waste at noon.

Psalms 91:5-6

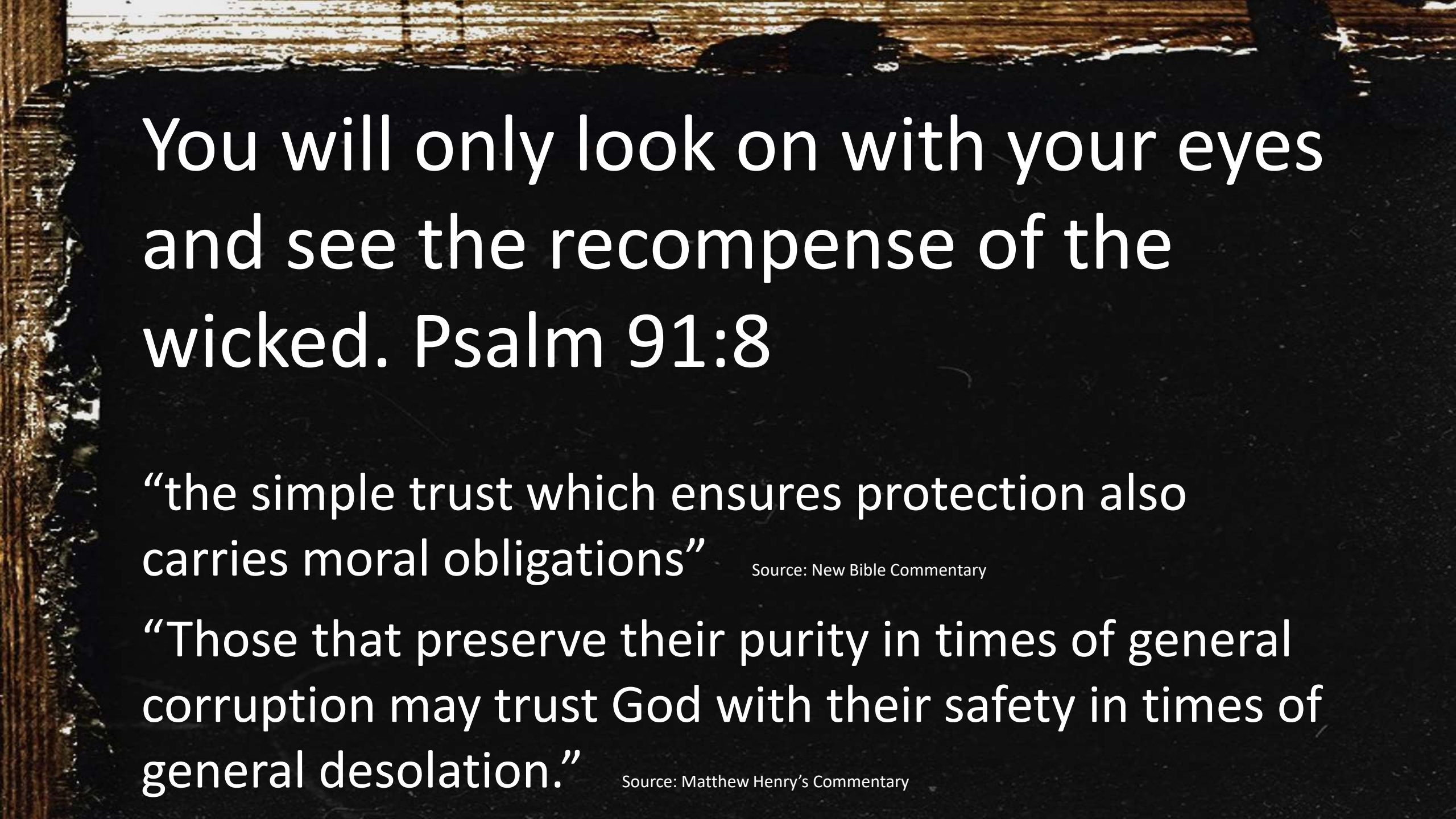
How can followers of Jesus deal with FEAR?

- I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4
- “For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’” Isaiah 41:13
- Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.” John 14:27
- For God has not given us a spirit of timidity (fear), but of power and love and discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7



A thousand may fall [by sword or
sickness] at your side and ten
thousand at your right hand,
but it shall not approach you.

Psalm 91:7



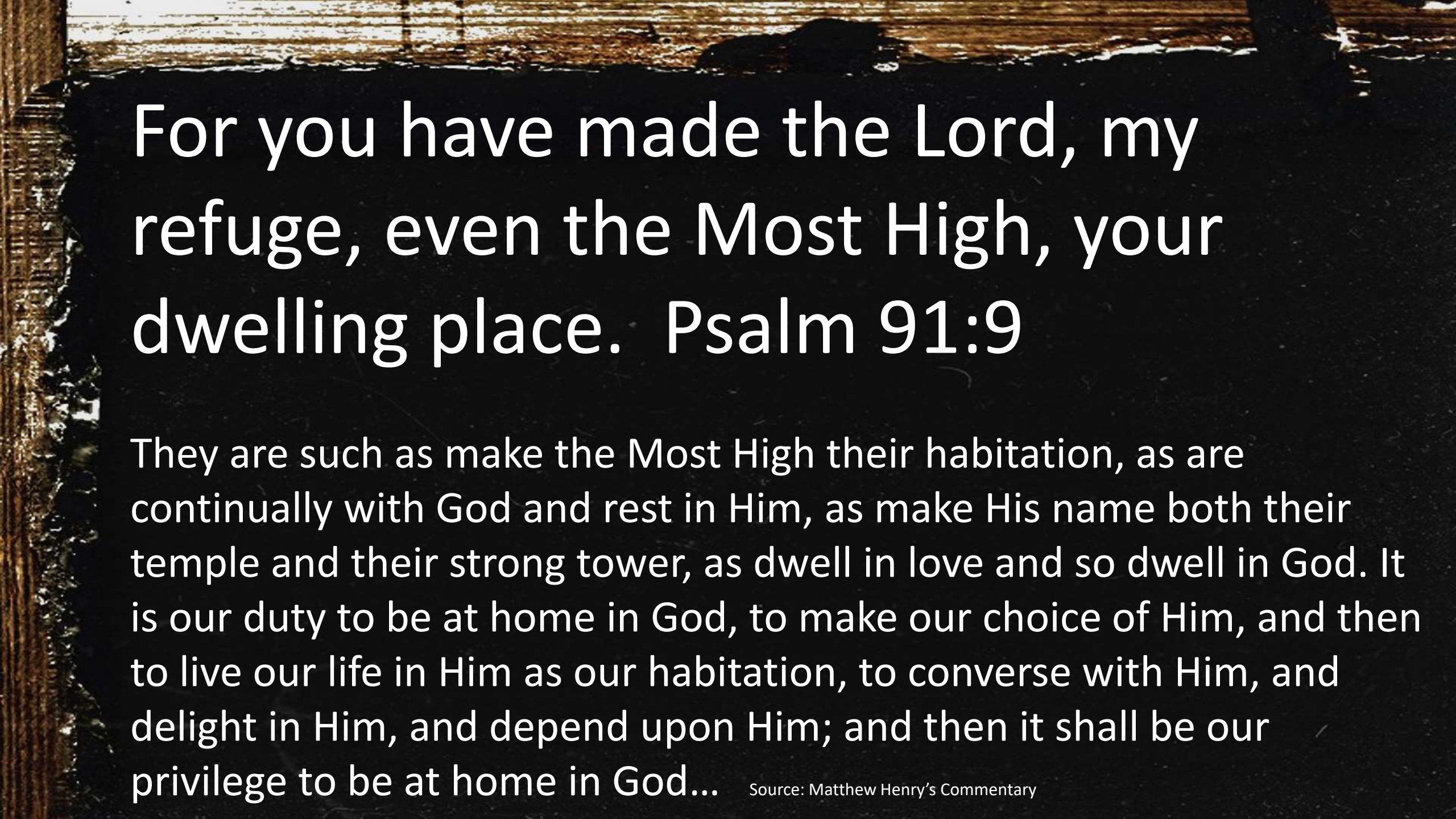
You will only look on with your eyes
and see the recompense of the
wicked. Psalm 91:8

“the simple trust which ensures protection also
carries moral obligations”

Source: New Bible Commentary

“Those that preserve their purity in times of general
corruption may trust God with their safety in times of
general desolation.”

Source: Matthew Henry's Commentary



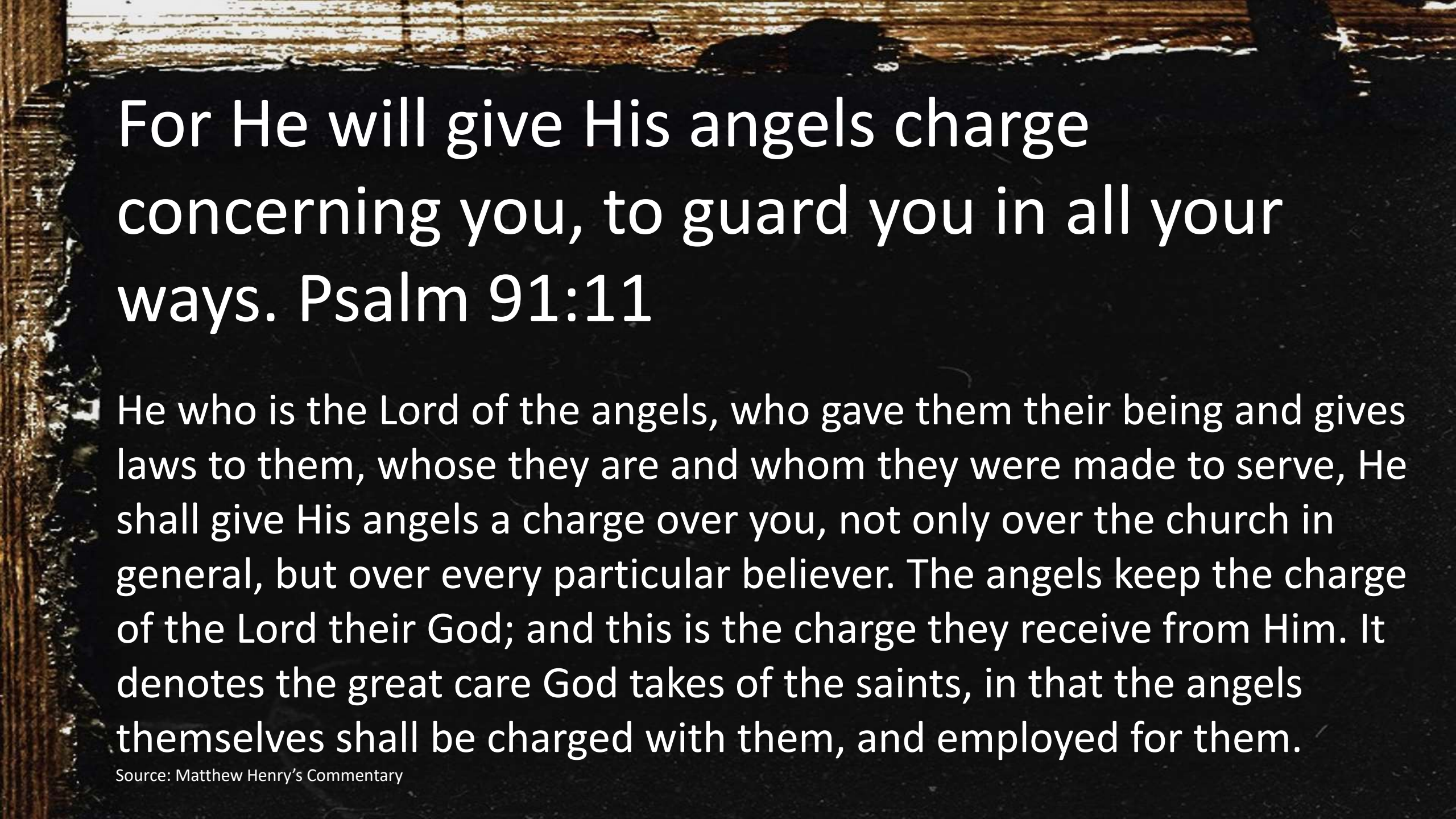
For you have made the Lord, my
refuge, even the Most High, your
dwelling place. Psalm 91:9

They are such as make the Most High their habitation, as are continually with God and rest in Him, as make His name both their temple and their strong tower, as dwell in love and so dwell in God. It is our duty to be at home in God, to make our choice of Him, and then to live our life in Him as our habitation, to converse with Him, and delight in Him, and depend upon Him; and then it shall be our privilege to be at home in God...

Source: Matthew Henry's Commentary

No evil will befall you, nor will
any plague [nega נֶגַע] come
near your tent. Psalm 91:10

*Let us pray this for our families and our
church families and those who have struggled
with this illness.



For He will give His angels charge
concerning you, to guard you in all your
ways. Psalm 91:11

He who is the Lord of the angels, who gave them their being and gives laws to them, whose they are and whom they were made to serve, He shall give His angels a charge over you, not only over the church in general, but over every particular believer. The angels keep the charge of the Lord their God; and this is the charge they receive from Him. It denotes the great care God takes of the saints, in that the angels themselves shall be charged with them, and employed for them.

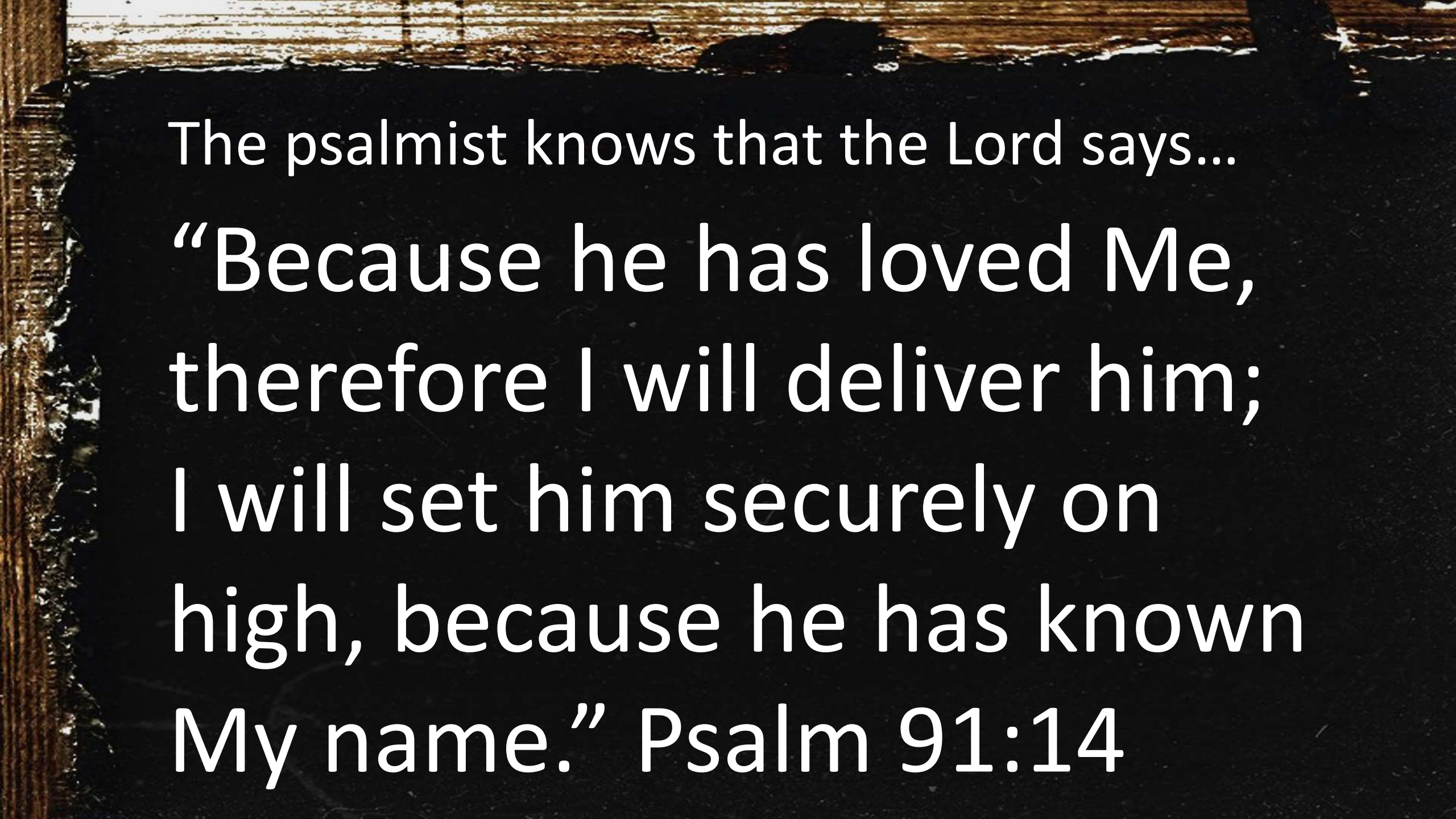
They will bear you up in their hands, that
you do not strike your foot against a stone.
You will tread upon the lion [a strong enemy]
and cobra [a deceptive enemy], the young lion
and the serpent you will trample down.

Psalm 91:12-13

**The people of God are not
alone during these days!**

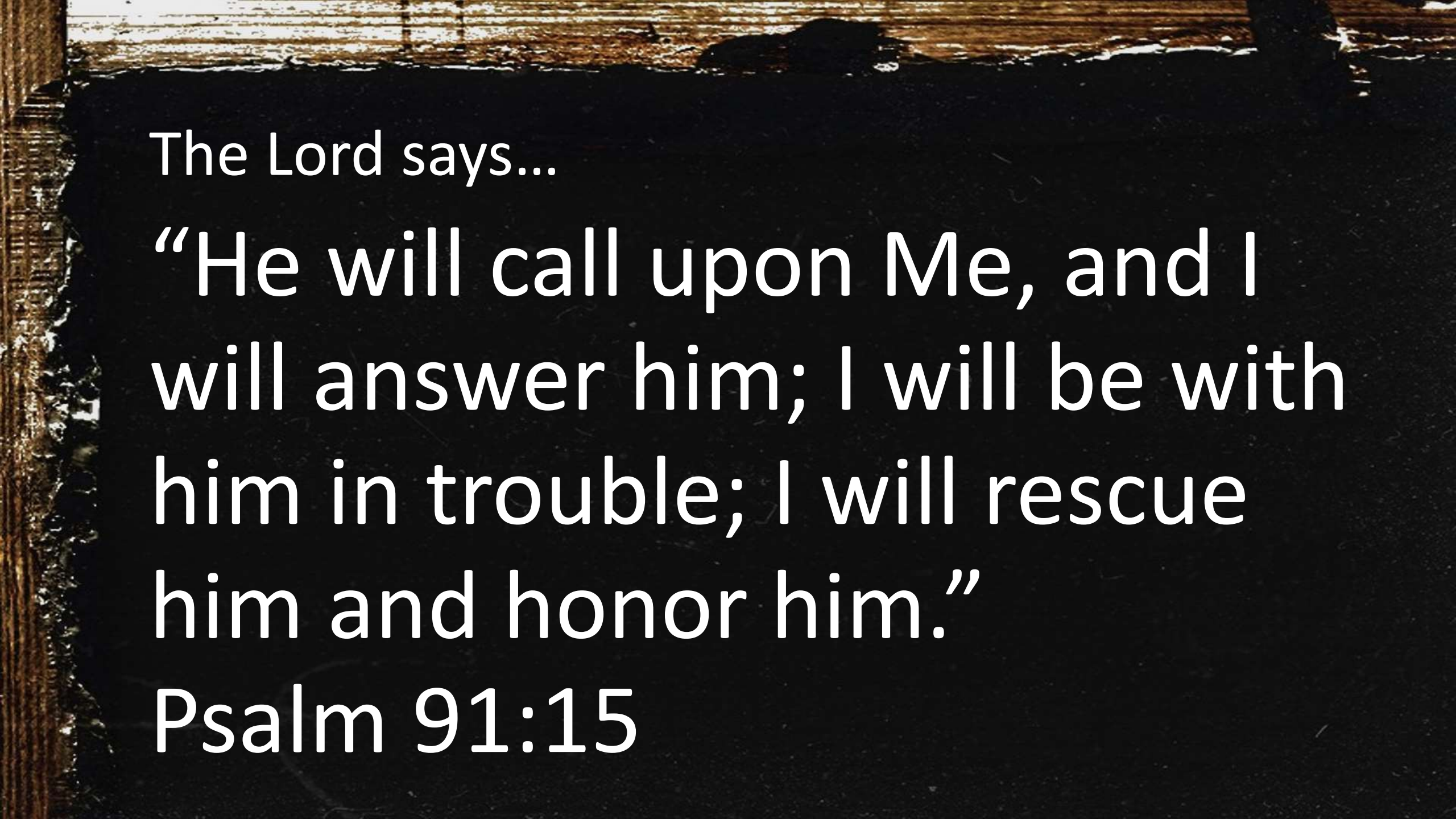
God our Protector

- Angels protect from physical harm and give believers strength to overcome difficulties, pictured as wild lions and dangerous snakes.
- Satan, in tempting Jesus, quoted Psalm 91:11–12 (see Matthew 4:6), which shows that even God's most marvelous promises can be foolishly applied.
- When Satan used these verses against Jesus, the reply he received was that genuine trust does not demand that the Lord prove Himself but simply rests in God's care (Matthew 4:5–7).



The psalmist knows that the Lord says...

“Because he has loved Me,
therefore I will deliver him;
I will set him securely on
high, because he has known
My name.” Psalm 91:14



The Lord says...

“He will call upon Me, and I
will answer him; I will be with
him in trouble; I will rescue
him and honor him.”

Psalm 91:15

The Lord's 8 promises in Psalm 91

1. rescue (intervening action)
2. security (protect, set on high out of reach of danger)
3. answered prayer (Listen to me!)
4. companionship in need
5. deliverance (from threat)
6. vindication (honor)
7. personal fulfilment (satisfy)
8. enjoyment of salvation

What is our calling?

Three conditions to be fulfilled by God's people:

1. "He has loved Me" (yearning love which clings to the loved one)
2. "He has known My name" (lives with the Lord in the light of what He has revealed about Himself)
3. "Call upon Me" (fervent, submissive prayer)

The Lord says...

“With a long life I will satisfy him
and let him see My salvation
[יְשׁוּעָה: *yâshuw‘ah*].” Psalm 91:16

**All the kinds of danger mentioned in this song are
ineffective against one who rests in the shadow
of the Almighty.**

Source: Bible Knowledge Commentary

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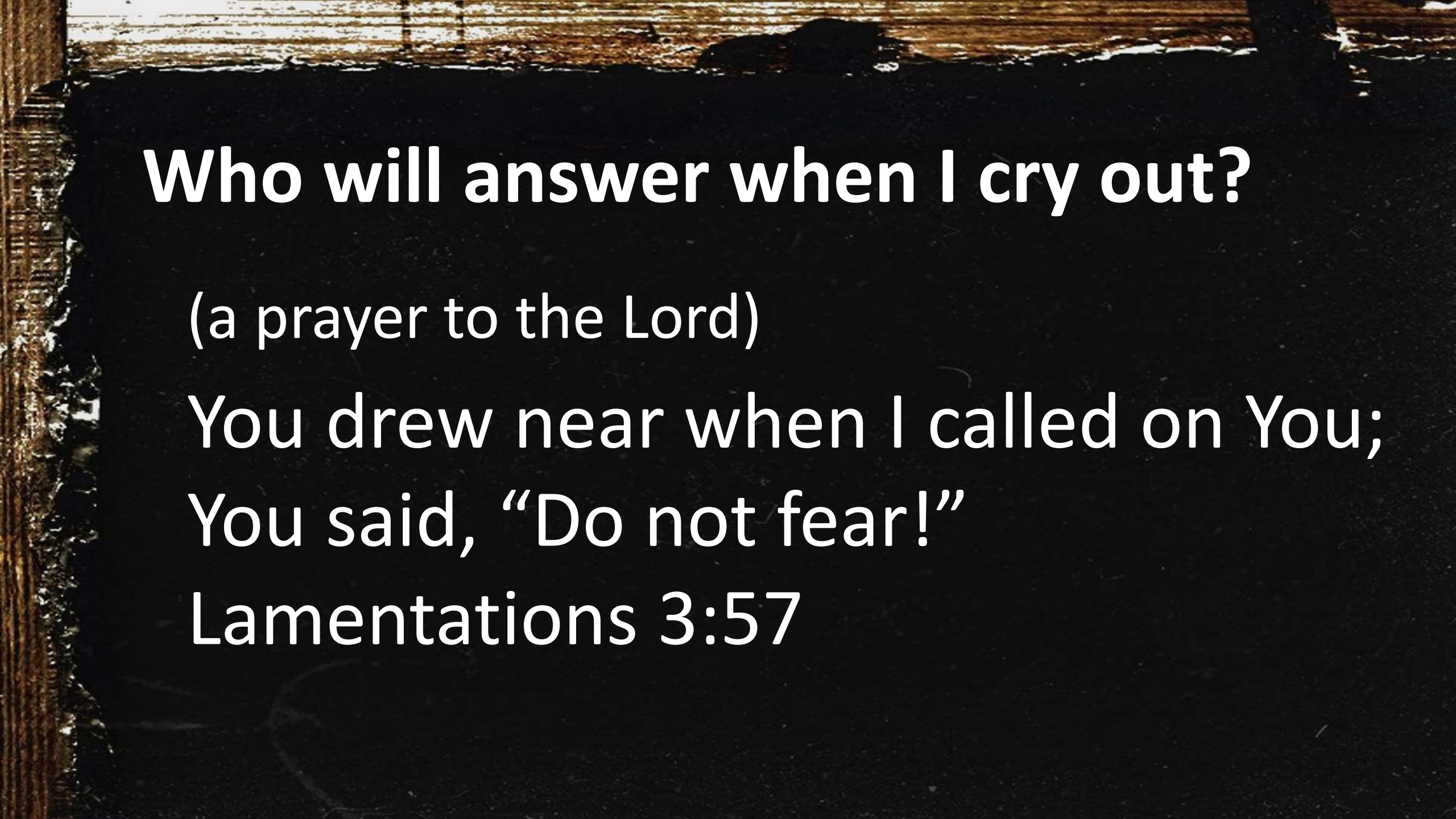
H Help me!

E Enlighten me!

A Accept me!

L Listen to me!

Who will answer when I cry out?



Who will answer when I cry out?

(a prayer to the Lord)

You drew near when I called on You;

You said, "Do not fear!"

Lamentations 3:57