NO OTHER GODS

— 30 Days of Worship —

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READ

Psalm 91

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

²I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I

trust.

³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by

day,

⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that

wastes at noonday.

⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

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8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High,

who is my refuge—

¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹² On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against

a stone.

¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. ¹⁴ "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows

my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation."

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REFLECT

The god Molech was bent on destruction. By sacrificing the life of another, his worshipers are given a false sense of security and are supposed to be released from fear. But just the opposite is true. This promise is a counterfeit. By contrast, the Lord offers us a safe place in his presence. He says he is our shelter, our shadow, refuge, and fortress. He is our dwelling place.

Look at the list of things the Lord will do (and you can depend on his promises): he will deliver you from snares and death...he will give you refuge, remove your fear even in the face of real danger, and guard

you in all your ways.

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RESPOND

Take some time to create a place in your home that will be a reminder of God's protection over you. Use your hands to shape this space in whatever way will represent that God alone is your refuge and your fortress. Maybe you can use index cards to write out scriptural truths and stagger them on the wall like bricks, so that your prayer and worship space feels surrounded like a fortress. Or when you sit down to connect with the Lord through prayer and the word, maybe you keep a special blanket nearby that you cover yourself with to remind you that the Lord himself covers you like a protective bird covers her young with her wings. Spend some time in this space offering the Lord your worship, trusting and praising him for his protection.