

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:3 - "Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler / and from the perilous pestilence."

The thing to notice in Psalm 91 at this point is that that the pronouns go from general to specifically singular. In other words, it's as if God is gently placing His hands on both sides of your face and having you look straight into His eyes as He speaks very personally to you. He is saying to you personally, I promise to be your own personal Protector.

God also lists numerous terrors that can overtake us just to prove how very versatile He actually is in protecting us. Many of the terrors that follow can strike a person unseen (unlike an enemy), and they strike the strong as well as the weak, and they strike the mind as well as the body. But God promises to be with our mind, body, whether we are weak or strong and whether the enemy is seen or unseen, God is always faithful to protect His children. This should bring great confidence to us, loved ones.

The snare of the trapper are plots that are against us. Satan and his demonic host have all kinds of plots against us, just as Satan did with Job in the Old Testament. Satan is the "accuser of the brothers," and is out to destroy our reputations with God and others, and even wants us to accuse ourselves. Satan also wants us not to be forgiving, and God though Paul says in Corinthians that "we are not ignorant of [Satan's] devices" [of unforgiveness.

If you have read Pilgrim's Progress, you notice Christian's battle with Apollyon. Satan used all kinds of verbal and mental tactics first, before Satan did an all out attack. But God delivers us out of the snare of Satan if we run to Him.

Sometimes God allows trouble as the way to deliver us from something worse. "Lord, why do You allow this?" is often said. He saves us from ruin sometimes by allowing other sorrows or difficulties. Have you ever thought about that?

Sometimes He delivers by giving us strength. He can also take you out of the difficulty, if you're caught in it. Return to Him; He won't cast you away. "No bird of paradise will die in the fowler's net."

The deadly pestilence is a dreaded disease, plague or epidemic. This speaks exactly to where we are, doesn't it? But loved ones, claim this verse today with God in prayer. God will deliver you. Trust Him. Thank Him for it.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.