

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:7 - "A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; / But it shall not come near you."

Those who have seen the pictures of what seems to be the endless lines of cross tombstones at Normandy cemetery have a great sobering reminder of the cost and price of freedom. Those who survived that battle count themselves extremely fortunate. Many of their comrades in arms died around them, while they remained. This scene is reminiscent of what God says to us today.

We're seeing in this whole section of Psalm 91 that the LORD is our Personal Protection, and, in particular, He is our individual protection in trials.

He's saying that in battle or in pestilence, plagues, or, dare I say it, even in a global pandemic of the Covid-19, thousands can fall to is around us, but God promises that it won't come near us.

You may object, and say that doesn't happen. That sounds like I can jump off a cliff and nothing will happen to me, and that just doesn't happen. And you're right about that. The point that God is making is this: Nothing touches God's child, except God permits it. I'm invincible until God calls me home. If it is my time to go, it will be either this that takes me, or something else. But nothing will touch me except it is permitted by God's hand.

Stop and think of Romans 8:28, 29. Many of us have quoted that verse for comfort and encouragement to others. "We KNOW that ALL things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. And here's the reason: God predestined us to be conformed to looking like Jesus' character. And then God though Paul begins describing all kinds of things that are working out for out good: being without clothes or shelter, famine, peril, sword, pestilence. Why don't you read those things in Romans 8:31 through the end of the chapter before closing this down today? Read those things, and remind yourself that others have been allowed by God to go through those things, but also, others have been "called home" to God though those things? What makes the difference between those who survived them and those who didn't? Simply the fact that it was God's timing and God's providence.

So, today, be cautious, be careful, take precautions, but also, you can walk and move about with confidence in the things that you have to do, because absolutely nothing is going to come your way except God's hand of providence allows us. As long as we are right with God, we are invincible until God calls us home. Thank Him today for His protection.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.