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SET FREE FROM FEAR

Psalms 91:9-10

In the past two issues of SET FREE we've looked at the first eight verses of Psalm 91 seeing how we are set free from fear as we "abide under the shadow of the Almighty", which in this New Covenant means we are "in Christ Jesus."

Verse 9 Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation.

Because you chose to dwell in Christ and have Him dwell in you ...

...then verse ten becomes your God ordained promise.

Verse 10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

"No evil", "No disaster",
"No harm" - will come
on you.

**How much is no?
None at all!!!
No evil, no disaster and
no harm!**

Is it possible to live in this world without any disaster, harm or evil coming on you? I could ask you "what do you think about that statement?" but it doesn't matter what you and I think, what matters is do you **believe** the Word of God?

Most people interpret what the Word of God promises in the light of either their or someone else's experiences.

The first step in living the life of a believer is to be a believer.

You and I need to believe the Word of God. We need to believe that it means what it says and says what it means.

Theologians and other well meaning people write volumes of books trying to explain away the things that have happened or not happened in their lives. When disaster falls, when harm and evil prevail, they have to explain it some how.

"Well God has allowed this into my life to help me develop character, to strengthen my faith." Faith in what?

If things happen in your life that are opposite to what God has promised in His Word, then your faith isn't being developed in His Word, is it? It's being developed in your personal ability to endure hardship.

Who gets the glory when you, in your own strength, struggle through the problem - you or God?

When I tell you about the hardships I've come victoriously through I'm not teaching about what a staunch little trooper I am. I am teaching you how the Word of God and standing on that Word got us out of the problem - not how to endure the problem.

This statement, **"There shall no evil, no harm, no**

disaster befall you", is so straight forward, so unencumbered, so simple and yet so staggering in it's implication, that most people will refuse to take it at face value.

They try to put a caveat on it or a footnote to it - something to dispel its simple and yet profound implications.

"There shall no evil, no harm, no disaster befall you"

The word: "befall", means: happen to, or occur; come to pass. Or in straight talk "nothing bad will ever harm you!"

Jesus said in **Luke 10:19** **"Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you."**

Now you have a choice. You can filter that through your past experiences in life and say, "well I don't know if that can be taken so literally" or "I've had stuff hurt me in the past, so it can't be true," or "I've known wonderful people who loved God with all their hearts and harmful things happened to them."

You can go by how others' lives have been and your past has been or you can say, "God said it and I believe it."

Then having said you believe it, to act, talk and think like you believe it from this moment forward.

**"No evil shall befall you".
No harm, no disaster.**

"In the Name of Jesus, I declare that from this moment on, nothing will ever harm me!"

Are you bold enough in your faith in God's Word to say that out loud? **Then do it now!**

"In the Name of Jesus, I declare that from this moment on nothing will ever harm me!"

That could well be the boldest statement you've ever made since the day you proclaimed Jesus as your Lord. You didn't declare war on the enemy you just declared the victory over him and the fear he brings.

You declared that victory that Jesus has already won for you. You have declared yourself set free from the fear of any harm coming to you.

"this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith"

This is bold, joint heir, Spirit filled, Word of God believing, devil chasing, faith proclaiming, set free, victory talk.

The second half of this verse takes this proclamation and speaks it to your house and home as well.

In the Book of Deuteronomy, the Children of Israel were instructed to write the scripture on their gates and doorpost and anywhere else that they would see it to remind themselves of God's covenant promises to them.

Even today, if you go into the house of an Orthodox Jew, you will find those little holders in the doorways where they have scripture verses placed there.

We are so fortunate in this Church Age today. We not only have the written Word of God to

read whenever we want to, but we also have it IN us.

2 Corinthians 3:3 TEV *"It is clear that Christ Himself wrote this letter and sent it by us. It is written, not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, and not on stone tablets but on human hearts."*

We have the Word of God written on our hearts.

That Word, in this passage says, **"neither shall any plague come nigh they dwelling"**.

In some translations it says it won't come near your tent, which might be a good promise to use when you go camping.

In another translation it says, *"no violence will come near your home."*

There is a difference between a house and a home. A home is the people while the house is where they live. Despite what those real estate signs may say, you can't buy a home. You can buy a house, but not a home.

God's Word is telling us that those disasters will not come near your house or your home. Domestic violence, fighting, quarreling, marital breakdowns and financial lack - none of this shall come into your home.

It said that it wouldn't even come *near* your house. Not even in the back yard!

When trees start coming down in a wind storm, when storms come, when brush fires start to spread, when flood waters start to rise, sewers start to back up, when the shingles start flying off of roofs, when violence and break ins become epidemic, when pandemic flu's and AIDS spread throughout the land.

When others at your work place get lay off notices, when *"a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, when destruction strikes at the noon day, when the arrows that fly by day and the pestilence walks in the darkness ... IT SHALL NOT COME NIGH THEE !!!!!!!"* (91:7)

"Devil, you are not coming to my house!"

"I am dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, I am "in Christ Jesus, I'm abiding under the shadow of the Almighty - you can't touch me or my family - I have covenant promises - and I shall not be moved from them!"

No violence, no evil, no hurt, no destruction is even coming *near* your house and home. That's a covenant promise of Almighty God.

"But Ray, you don't know what it's like at my house. You don't live where and how I live." True - but the Lord does and He wants to fulfill His Word and His promises to you. All that you need to do is **believe it!**

2 Peter 1:3-4 *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."*

"According to his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness"

He has promised us everything we need, here and now for our spiritual life which includes our daily life in this world.

He has **"given unto us exceeding great and precious promises"**.

When He has promised to you in His word, that no evil shall come on you or your house and home that to me is an **"exceeding great and precious promise."**

Ephesians 2:12 *"That at that time ye were without Christ being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in this world."*

Before you were a believer, before you were a born again child of God, you didn't have these covenant promises functioning in your life. They had been bought and paid for, but you hadn't claimed them. So you were like an alien, you had no hope and you were in this world, without God.

Ephesians 2:13 *"But NOW in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."*

You've been made nigh. In the dictionary, one of the definitions for the word "nigh" is: closely allied by blood or friendship."

We've been brought nigh, not to disaster, but nigh unto Jesus – we are "in Him." We've been brought nigh, to dwell in the secret place of the Most High, because of the blood of Jesus.

Knowing this, we are **SET FREE from fear**. His word to you and I today is:

"Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation. There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

Because Of Where You Are.

Have you ever felt like you were a failure in life? Have you experienced insecurity about your appearance, your abilities, your personality, and your life? Have you ever felt unloved and worthless? "I'm not attractive" "I can't do all the things that those people can do." "I'm not good enough." "Nothing good ever happens in my life."

If you've ever had thoughts or feelings like that, I want you to truly understand that those are lies from the devil.

His aim is to get you so down about yourself that you will never experience God's best for your life. He wants to make you feel like you are not good enough, so that you will start to think "why should God want to bless me?" Why would He want to do good things for me or through me - there are much better, more talented, more gifted people that He'd rather bless."

I want to assure you, on the authority of God's Word, that you are valuable to God. You are somebody to Him. You are His prized possession.

He sent Jesus to the cross and the depths of hell to make it possible for you to be His child - to win you into His family. Today you are in His family, you are in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

You are special not because of who you are, what you've done or what you have. You are special because you are **"in Christ Jesus."**

Because you are "in Christ Jesus" this makes you a joint heir, a child of the Most High God. **That's where you are!**

That is why you are God's prized possession. You are somebody special to God. You need to know this so well within you. Not just for your own sake but also for those around you.

Jesus said that we are to love one another just as we love ourselves? If you don't love you, how are you going to love somebody else?

When people have low self-esteem, they begin to treat others with the same lack of esteem. That's why you find a high concentration of crime and abuse in the same areas.

People, who don't like themselves, often because others told them that they were worthless, treat other people around them with that same lack of worth. They steal from each other, they abuse each other and they hurt each other. Why? Because they feel that other people are just as worthless as they are.

Low self-esteem is a result of a lack of knowledge. The reason many Christians live way below their privileges as children of God is because they don't know that they are highly favoured of God. They don't realize who they are in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 8:3-5 *3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.*

The Psalmist is saying, "Lord, You're so magnificent and

creative, why would You have anything to do with man? Why did You create us?

The word “angels” used in this verse is an unfortunate choice of the translators. The original Hebrew word is “elohim” or “God.” The translators figured, how could we be just a little lower than God?

What they didn’t realize was that God didn’t make you to be less than an angel. Angels are our servants.

Hebrews 1:13-14 *13 But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?*

Angels are our servants. We are the one’s sitting next to God God never said to any of the angels, “come here and sit beside me”. But according to the Word of God, we have been raised up to be there.

Ephesians 2:6 *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

We are sitting there, not because of who we are but because of **where** we are. We are the ones who are **in** Christ.

You are washed by the blood of Jesus and made a new creation in Christ Jesus. As a born again child of God you now have the very nature of Almighty God!

When you begin to see yourself as God sees you (“crowned with honour and glory”), then you’ll begin to expect favour and success. You’ll expect adversity to be turned into victory. You’ll expect to have authority over your circumstances.

Why? Because of where you are! You are IN Christ Jesus!

Doubt and insecurity will vanish as you become more and more conscious of just how much favour and honour you have been given by God.

You are so loved by God that He is more than willing to give you freely all things.

Romans 8:32 *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

God has given you freely all things to enjoy. You are special to Him and He loves you.

When those thoughts of condemnation come into your mind, don’t accept them, they are not from God.

Romans 8:1 *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

You are “in Christ Jesus”, so God is not condemning you. It’s only the devil that brings that garbage your way. Don’t accept it! Instead accept what the Word of God has revealed to you. Remember **where** you are – you are “**in** Christ Jesus.”

You’ve been justified in the sight of God. Nothing shall separate you from His love.

Romans 8: 38-39 ³⁸ *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

You are His special delight. Don’t run yourself down, - ever! Don’t talk ugly about yourself.

Don’t go calling yourself stupid or a failure.

You are God’s handiwork. He made you to be “in Christ Jesus”.

Ephesians 2:10 (Amp.) *For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].*

You are that new creation. You are loved. You are highly favoured of God. You are SET FREE from condemnation!

You are who you are because of where you are. You are “in Christ Jesus!”

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!
Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.”
Gal. 5:1 MSG

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All scripture passages used in this edition, except where noted, are from the King James Version.

In the next edition of **SET FREE** we will continue our study of Psalm 91 – “Set Free From Fear.”

We are SET FREE not by what we do, but by what we believe.