

Notes on Psalm 91 for Wednesday May 20, 2020

A very accurate translation of the Hebrew language in Psalm 91.1-2

- 91.1** Whoever stays in the secret place of the Most High (El Elyon) will remain under the shadow of the Almighty (El Shaddai)
- 91.2** I will say to the LORD, (YHWH)
"(You are) my safe place and my strong castle.
(You are) my God and I am *trusting in you".

Bible scholars study this psalm as if three people are speaking.

a priest (one of God's servants in his house) speaks in verses 1, 3-8 and 9b-13.

someone (most probably Moses) praying to God speaks in verses 2 and 9a.

God speaks in verses 14-16.

Verse 1 The Priest speaks to the person who is going to pray (Moses)

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

This is what the words mean:

- Most High (El Elyon) means that God is **more important** than anyone else.
- Almighty (El Shaddai) means that God is **more powerful** than anyone else.
- LORD (YHWH) means that **He is eternal, has no beginning or end, will never die.**
- God (Elohim) means that **He decides what will happen.**

The priest is saying that everyone will be safe with the Most High, who is the Almighty.

Verse 2 The person that the Priest spoke to now speaks

He (probably Moses) says to the LORD my refuge, my fortress, my God (Elohim), I am trusting in Him (Elohim)

A refuge is a strong building, as in an impenetrable castle, where you are safe from your enemies. He does not mean that God is literally a castle. He means that God is **as** a castle.

So, he trusts for he believes that he will be safe in God.