PSALM

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Dialogical Confidence

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PICTURE WORD
Shelter

IN ONE SENTENCE

Anyone who makes God their shelter rests under his wings, safe from every terror, and he promises rescue and long life.

Remember it: Ninety-one: under his wings, my shelter, I sleep without fear.

MEMORY VERSE

He will cover you with his feathers. Under his wings you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.

Psalm 91:4 · World English Bible

HEBREW WORD

מַחְסִי

"refuge" · verse 2

In the Psalms: twelve times, in 10 psalms

מַחְסֶה means a refuge, a shelter where you run from a storm or an enemy. It comes from the verb "take refuge," used again in verse 4 for chicks under a mother bird's wings. Trust in the Bible is pictured as running to hide in God himself.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

1–2	Dwelling with the Most High, I call the LORD my refuge.
3–8	Under his wings you need not fear any terror.
9–13	Angels guard the one who makes God his dwelling.
14–16	God promises rescue, honor, long life, and salvation.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

v. 11–12 → Matthew 4:6 Satan quotes it to tempt Jesus; Jesus will not test God.

MY NOTES

Listen. Hear Psalm 91 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at **ispress.de/psalms/91**.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble · God Will Not Abandon You

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Anyone who makes God their _____ rests under his _____, safe from every terror, and he promises _____ and long life.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What does the psalmist call the LORD in verse 2?

- (A) My refuge and my fortress
- (B) My shepherd and my guide
- (C) My king and my judge
- (D) My song and my strength

2. Who will God put in charge of you?

- (A) The priests
- (B) His angels
- (C) The king's guards
- (D) Your neighbors

3. What will God satisfy him with?

- (A) Riches
- (B) Honor among nations
- (C) A great name
- (D) Long life

TALK IT OVER

1. List the dangers named in verses 3-6. What do they tell us about the world?

2. When Satan quoted verses 11-12, Jesus refused to test God. How should we read God's promises of protection?

3. What fear do you need to bring under God's wings today?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 91 TEACH?

- ☐ I listened to the song
- ☐ I can say what it teaches
- ☐ I can say verse 4 by heart
- ☐ I know the picture word

Answers Blanks: shelter · wings · rescue · Check yourself: 1. A (v. 2) · 2. B (v. 11) · 3. D (v. 16)