



THE LYTLE LIGHT

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

— Matthew 5:14a (NKJV)

The believer is appointed to be a lighthouse to others;
a cheering lamp, a shining star, a loving guide.

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Current Sunday Schedule: 9:45AM - Bible Study | 10:45AM - Worship
~12:00PM—Every 4th Sunday (Except For Months With 5 Sundays)—Potluck Fellowship Meal
~ 12:00PM—Every 5th Sunday—Potluck Fellowship Meal & Games Following Meal
Current Wednesday Schedule: 5:00PM—Bible Study

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If you're searching for faith rather than simply religion; virtue rather than simply values; relationship rather than rule-keeping; divine help rather than self-help; then we may be the place for you.

REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 91 — PART ONE

There is a “reality” television show that some of you may have heard of, or out of curiosity, may have watched an episode or two of, where contestants are dropped off in the wilderness by themselves, miles from civilization, and with minimal gear. The winner of the show is the one who survives the longest. The “reality” of this survival show is that the threats to survival are real and numerous: starvation, dehydration, hypothermia, sickness, injury, and even being killed by one of many predatory animals (bears, wolves, cougars, etc.). Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

But if we're paying attention, there are some real parallels to life. We have an enemy that “prowls around like a roaring lion looking for whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). There is the thief who “comes to steal, kill, and destroy” (John 10:10). We have many things that would seek to destroy us and take us out of life and our walk with God. We have many adversaries and if we're honest, we are powerless against many of them.

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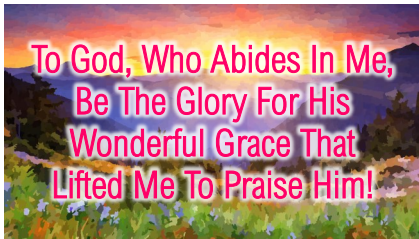
WELCOME VISITOR!

We *Welcome* Each & Every One Of You To Our Worship Services today! We Hope You Will Stay After Services So We May Become Better Acquainted! And Be Sure To Join Us For Our Monthly Fellowship Meal After Worship Services On The 4th or 5th Sunday Of Every Month!

Be Sure To Pick Up A Visitor Pamphlet From The Table Under The Mirror In The Front Hall.

And Please Fill Out A Visitor Card (We PROMISE Not To Sell Your Information!) From The Back Of The Pew In Front Of You And Place It In The Collection Plate Located On The Table In The Back Of The Auditorium.

ORDER OF SERVICE



- ENTER TO WORSHIP •
- ANNOUNCEMENTS •
- SCRIPTURE READING •
- OPENING PRAYER •

Song No. 99—Praise Him! Praise Him!

Song No. 92—He Lifted Me

Song No. 88—Wonderful Grace Of Jesus

• MINISTER'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER •

Song No. 27—To God Be The Glory

Song No. 473—Break Thou The Bread Of Life



• SERMON — SEE RIGHT COLUMN •

Invitation Song No. 20—Praise The Lord

- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS •

Closing Song No. 471—Abide With Me

- PRAYER: OFFERING & CLOSING •

{ GO IN PEACE, DEPART TO SERVE IN LOVE
 OR
 STAY FOR FELLOWSHIP & A MEAL }

SERMON



• SERMON SCRIPTURE REFERENCES •

Ephesians 6:10-24; Luke 1:37; John 8:44; Luke 22:31; John 1:14; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Hebrews 11:6; Romans 8:6; Hebrews 4:12; James 5:13; Acts 20:4

• SERMON OUTLINE •

— REVIEW & INTRODUCTION —

- I. Strong In The Lord (6:10-13)
 - A. The Charge
 - B. The Enemy
 - C. The Warfare
 - D. The Duty
- II. Equipped With The Armor Of God (6:14-20)
 - A. The Soldier's Armor (vv. 14-17)
 - B. The Provision: Prayer - (18-20)
- III. Conclusion - (6:21-24)
 - A. The Soldier Tychicus (vv. 21-22)
 - B. The Soldier Paul (vv. 23-24)

— CONCLUSION & INVITATION —

WED NIGHT STUDY

March 20 @ 5:00 PM In Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us When Possible! (Use Rear Doors)

— 1 Corinthians 11:14-25 —



— TODAY —

3rd Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
ANNUAL CHURCH PIZZA & SALAD "PICNIC"

— APRIL 28 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

— MAY 26 —

4th Sunday Fellowship - After Morning Worship
POTLUCK OR TO BE DETERMINED BY OUR SISTERS

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This is where Psalm 91 comes in to teach us several crucial things about God to which we must pay attention.

1. GOD IS YOUR PROTECTOR IF YOU CHOOSE.

“¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91:1-2)

It’s important for us to realize, this is part of God’s nature, part of His character. God is a protector. He desires to be, is willing to be, and will be the protector of all those who want Him to be. If you say, “He is my refuge!” He will protect you. On the other hand, if you do not want Him to be, He will not force you.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!” (Matthew 23:37)

2. GOD PROTECTS YOU FROM HARM.

“³ Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence. ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right

hand, but it will not come near you. ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.” (Psalm 91:3-8)

Some might argue and say, “Well, God doesn’t protect us from ALL harm!” And that’s true. We are Not promised that no harm will befall us. Jesus said in John 16:33, “In this world you will have trouble, but take heart, I have overcome the world.”

For God to protect us from all harm would mean He would need to take us out of this world (which may be part of what the later verse(s) in

Psalm 91 are talking about). However, this does not mean that God does not in some way protect us at all. We have no idea the many great things from which God protects us. Consider the state of things if God completely withdrew His hand of protection and presence from the earth! I’m reminded of a song by Amy Grant which came out way back in 1984. Part of the lyrics say:

God only knows the times my life was threatened just today.

A reckless car ran out of gas before it ran my way.

Near misses all around me, accidents

unknown,

Though I never see with human eyes the hands that lead me home.

But I know they’re all around me all day and through the night.

When the enemy is closing in, I know sometimes they fight

To keep my fight from falling, I’ll never turn away.



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- ◇ Lopez, Emily [Tom Woodard's granddaughter] – She recently gave birth to a healthy, *Praise God!*, baby boy named Bryson Paul making him Tom's 12th great grandchild. ^[2]
- ◇ Smith, Betty – She's been under the weather. ^[2]
- ◇ Smoot, Randy [Roger Smoot's brother] – His Parkinsons is really taking a toll on him. ^[2]
- ◇ Villarreal, Douglas [Melanie McMeans' brother-in-law] – He's now on a trial drug for 18 months for his stage 4 prostate cancer which has metastasized to several areas of his body (lymph nodes and bones). ^[2]
- ◇ YWAM Kids Killed or Injured [Youth With A Mission – Where Bailey & Dan'iel, Smoots' granddaughters are attending] – On a mission trip to Tansania, Africa, 8 kids were killed and 3 injured when they were hit by a truck. The injured remain in the hospital. ^[2]

FEBRUARY 25

- ◇ Burris, Gloria [Joyce Burris's sister-in-law, married to Ken] – She's been diagnosed with a large tumor on her brain. An eight to ten hour surgery is scheduled at St David's Hospital in Austin. ^[3]
- ◇ Wife's Name Unknown – While at Chucky Cheese's, Pam Flatequal's granddaughter, Isabel (2-years-old) ran up to a little boy her age and gave him a big hug (Pam said it was Isabel's new boyfriend! lol). Pam started talking to the gentlemen (to whom the little boy belonged) who revealed that he was in San Antonio for his wife's cancer surgery ^[3]
- ◇ Orr, Dan – He's been battling allergies and has had some stomach issues. ^[3]
- ◇ Para, Rudy [Pam Flatequal's neighbor] – He had developed blisters in his eyes, possibly from a medication(s) he's taking. He also needs knee surgery desperately but he can't until some time in June. ^[3]
- ◇ Smoot, Cody [Smoots' grandson] – He and his fiancée Emily were wed yesterday, February 24. Congratulations! ^[3]

- ◇ Vierling, Carlene & Carol – *Praise To GOD!* They both received good reports from their doctors. ^[3]

FEBRUARY 18

- ◇ Gorham, Robert [Member of Rose Hill CoC or possibly Pearsall CoC] – He thought he was having a heart attack and took himself to the hospital. Tests revealed he had pneumonia. He is/was to receive some imaging tests. ^[4]
- ◇ Renninger, Ruane – She has to have an MRI, possibly Feb 21 ^[4]
- ◇ Richardson, Cheryl & Preston [Formally members of Natalia CoC, now living in Tyler] – Prayers for the family – their 16-year-old and legally blind granddaughter disappeared for 3 days. When she returned she refused to divulge where she'd been. ^[4]

ONGOING

NOTE: *If You Know Of Anyone Below Who Should Be Placed Back On The Detailed List, Please Let Mitch Know.*

Bippert, Cheryl ^[15]; Bippert, Ernest Family ^[15]; Boldt, Sandy ^[15]; Brown, Hunter ^[5]; Brown, Scott ^[22]; Brown, Stephanie ^[8]; Bucheit, Dan Family ^[23]; Burris, Cody, Spouse & New Baby Hayes ^[10]; Corren, Jan ^[10]; Davis, Randy Family ^[17]; Davis, Preston ^[5]; Davis, Preston Family ^[23]; Delaney, Sophie ^[11]; Dye, Joyce ^[18]; Evans, Steve ^[11]; Fintel, Pam ^[18]; Flatequal, Fletcher ^[8]; Green, Marvin ^[12]; Green, Sonia ^[8]; Halverson, Rich Family ^[24]; LeFluer, Miranda ^[7]; Mays, Alice Family ^[12]; McLay, Carla ^[5]; McLay, Gary ^[5]; McMeans, Velma ^[7]; Montalvo, Louie ^[19]; Moore, Michael & Michele ^[17]; Nancy (Last Name Unknown) ^[17]; Neal, Larry ^[5]; Noble, David Family ^[21]; Norris, David Family ^[10]; Orr, Lori Family ^[26]; Parra, Rudy ^[23]; Reilly, Mike Family ^[5]; Segura, Gilbert Family ^[9]; Sensat, Miriam ^[24]; Shaw, Nancy ^[10]; Slaughter, Ron ^[23]; Smith, Bessie Family ^[7]; Smith, Zachary Family ^[9]; Smoot, Bailey ^[4]; Smoot, Dan'iel ^[4]; Torres, Donna ^[15]; Turnbow, Elaine ^[13]; Turnbow, Gary ^[13]; Villarreal, Doris Family ^[7]; Welsby, Chris ^[7]; Wentreck, James Family ^[13]; Woodard, Sue ^[26]

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*If you're asking what's protecting me then
you're gonna hear me say:*

*Got his angels watching over me, every
move I make,*

Angles watching over me!

*Angels watching over me, every step I
take.*

As we trust in Him . . . God protects us from being ensnared and destroyed (v. 3). God protects us from fear and anxiety (v. 5). God protects us from sickness and disease (v. 6). God protects us from punishment (v. 8).

Elsewhere in Scripture we learn that for those who trust in Him . . . He gives long life. He gives health. He gives protection. He gives honor and favor. He gives wisdom and knowledge. He gives blessings.

For those love Him and trust in Him, He is our protector and protects us from harm!

One of the things that is powerful to do when appropriate is to personalize parts of God's word by inserting your name. A personalized (for me) version of Psalm 91:5 would read, "He will cover [Mitch] with his feathers, and under his wings [Mitch] will find refuge; his faithfulness will be [Mitch's] shield and rampart."

Think about that because it's powerful! God is our refuge and strength! **E**

NEXT WEEK — POINT 3

**GOD PROTECTS US ULTIMATELY
THROUGH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST**

SCRIPTURE WORD SEARCH

PSALM 46:1-3; 8-10

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³ though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

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⁵ O Lord, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. ⁶ A senseless man does not know, nor does a fool understand this. ⁷ When the wicked spring up like grass, and when all the workers of iniquity flourish, it is that they may be destroyed forever. ⁸ But You, Lord, are on high forevermore. ⁹ For behold, Your enemies, O Lord, for behold, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

— Psalm 92:5-9

ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



Joyce Burris	March 12	Birthday
Mitch Watkins	March 12	Birthday
Darrell Ranne	April 13	Birthday


*If Your Special Day Is Between Today's Date And April 13, 2024
And You Do Not See Your Name(s) Above, Please Let Mitch Know.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

— Church Stuff —

4th OR 5th Sundays	 <p>“Table” Fellowship Potluck Lunch – After Worship From Approximately 12:00PM To 2:00PM Either The 4th Sunday Or 5th Sunday Of Every Month (Except When On Hiatus)</p>
Every Thursday	 <p>Sewing Sisters (All Ladies Welcome!) – Meet In The Fellowship Room From 12:00PM To 2:00PM For Fellowship And To Sew Stuff (Lap Quilts, Bibs, Etc.) For The Needy Or Just To Do Things Together.</p>
Sun—Mar 17	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Spiritual & Religious</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Mar 24	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Walking With The Lord</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Mar 31	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>Our Adversary</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>
Sun—Apr 7	 <p>IN SEARCH OF THE LORD’S WAY – <i>I Know I Am Loved</i> – for channel: searchtv.com</p>

— Non Church Stuff —

Every Tuesday	 <p>Lytle Friendship Art Club – Fellowship Room From 9:30AM To 1:00PM Plus, Every 2nd Tuesday Of Each Month, The Club Meets For A Business Meeting, Lunch & Demonstration(s)</p>
3rd Mondays	 <p>VFW Auxiliary – Fellowship Room @ 6:00PM</p>
4th Tuesdays	 <p>Quail Creek Ranches Property Owners Association (QCRSPOA) – Fellowship Room @ 6:30PM</p>
Sun—Mar 17	<p>¹ Corned Beef And Cabbage Day ² St. Patrick’s Day </p>
Mon—Mar 18	<p>National ¹ Lacy Oatmeal ² Sloppy Joe Wellderly (Well-Elderly) Days</p>
Wed—Mar 20	<p>¹ International Day Of Happiness National ² Raviola ³ Crawfish Appreciation Days</p>
Thu—Mar 21	<p>National ¹ French Bread ² Crunchy Taco ³ Tiramisu ⁴ California Strawberry Days ⁵ International Day For The Elimination Of Racial Discrimination</p>
Sat—Mar 23	<p>National ¹ Melba Toast ² Chips & Dip ³ Melba Toast ⁴ Kitten & Puppies Days</p>
Sun- Mar 24	<p>National ¹ Cheesesteak ² Chocolate Covered Raisins Days</p>
Sun—Mar 31	<p>Easter Sunday </p>

GOD'S PLAN For Saving Man —

- ◇ *God's Grace* — Ephesians 2:8;
- ◇ *Christ's Blood* — Romans 5:9;
- ◇ *The Spirit's Gospel* — Romans 1:16;
- ◇ *Sinner's Faith* — Acts 16:31;
- ◇ *Sinner's Repentance* — Luke 13:3;
- ◇ *Sinner's Confession* — Romans 10:10;
- ◇ *Sinner's Baptism* — 1 Peter 3:21;
- ◇ *Our Work* — James 2:24;
- ◇ *Our Hope* — Romans 8:24;
- ◇ *Our Endurance* — Revelation 2:10

ARE YOU SAVED BY GOD?
ASK HOW IF YOU'RE UNSURE!

INTERACTIVE

Daily Bible Reading Plan —

To open and/or download the interactive PDF file go to: video.wvbs.org/spotlight

DAILY Bible Reading For Edification —



Chronological — Date Order — Biblical Events When Believed To Have Occurred

SUN	Mar 17 - Deut 17-20
MON	Mar 18 - Deut 21-23
TUE	Mar 19 - Deut 24-27
WED	Mar 20 - Deut 28-29
THU	Mar 21 - Deut 30-31
FRI	Mar 22 - Deut 32-34, Ps 91
SAT	Mar 23 - Josh 1-4

Deut = Deuteronomy | Ps = Psalm | Josh = Joshua

WANT TO BE

Part Of Our Local Family?

To be identified as part of our Congregation (aka “place membership”): Fill out a Visitor’s Card with all your family information, making sure to check the box on front that says, **Wish To Serve In this Congregation**, then place the card in the collection plate on the table in the back of the auditorium.

MEMORIZE Scripture —

SCRIPTURE VERSES FROM PSALM 91

¹ He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust.”

³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.

⁴ He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

⁹ Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the Most High, your dwelling place,

¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. ¹² In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

[Words Of God] ¹⁴ “Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation.”

