

sermon notes

Staying Close to the Lord

Psalm 91:1-8

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introduction: the song “Close To You”

The one Person to whom you should desire to be close, the one Person to whom you should always endeavor to stay close, is the Lord (James 4:8).

If you will stay close to God:

1. You will experience security and His _____ protection ____ (Psalm 91:1-4). He is the Most High and the Almighty (verse 1); no enemy or threat can ever overpower Him.

supporting Scripture: Psalm 3:3

2. You will be able to face danger and not be _____ afraid ____ (Psalm 91:5-7).

supporting Scriptures: Psalm 27:1-3

Romans 8:31; Acts 18:9-10

3. You will be spared the _____ consequences _____ experienced by the wicked when God judges them (Psalm 91:8).

supporting Scriptures: Exodus 9:25-26; 10:22-23; 11:4-7

2 Peter 2:6-7

John 3:18; Romans 8:1

Taking the entire Bible into consideration, it is obvious that godly people do experience harm and suffering (Hebrews 11:35-37; the example of Jeremiah; Acts 7:52; John 15:18-20; Jesus’ apostles; Stephen and others in the book of Acts; missionaries John & Betty Stam). But nothing can harm a child of God unless the Lord sovereignly permits it (Romans 8:28, 36-37). Even if you do experience harm, you can still be secure in the Lord. And God will overrule any harm that comes to you; He will accomplish His purpose for you and His purpose through you. So stay close to Him.