

Revealed: The True Author of Psalm 91

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Psalm 91 is one of the most beautiful psalms ever written. Some debate about who wrote this psalm, as some versions do not name an author.

After researching Psalm 91, I am convinced that Moses wrote it. Psalm 90 precedes it wherein Moses prays to God for mercy upon the people that they will live their allotted days wisely and not sin against their Creator.

Psalm 91 seems to be God answering Moses' prayer.

I'm a fledgling but I like to practice reading in Hebrew. I realized even before I read my commentaries that God's Hebrew name is given four times and each time differently. I mentioned in a recent column on this psalm that I saw it as a spiritual antidote for the plagues of this world.

Here is a review of the verses and the Names of God in Psalm 91:1-2:

1. "He that 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 will I trust." (KJV MOD).

1. **El Elyon** – God "Most High," no one is above Him.

2. **El Shaddai** – God "Almighty," tender, lean upon His chest.

3. **Yud-heh-vav-heh** – four sacred letters "YHVH," LORD *Adonai*.

4. **Yahveh** – Jehovah, *Yah*, my God.

"In Him I will trust" reminds me of our U.S. money, which says, "In God we trust." Perhaps that, or a similar verse, was where our founding fathers chose the words to mark our money for God.

I wonder how often we think of whether God approves of the way we spend our money personally, or how our country spends it?

Yet the most important point to consider is whether we have made God our refuge and fortress – the One above all we can sincerely trust. Stock markets rise and fall but the One who does not have "negative change" is God.

"MOSES THE AUTHOR"

Some reasons I see Moses as the author of Psalm 91 are the use of these four Hebrew names of God.

When God called Moses to free the children of Israel from slavery, he was a wise Jewish man at the age of 80. It was through him we have the Torah or the first five foundational books of the Bible.

Also, in the Book of Exodus, we learn how God taught Moses to make the furniture to be used in the "Tabernacle in the Wilderness."

He was given the details about how the Holy of Holies

was to be created in a perfect cube shape, and how the Holy Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat were to be made and covered with precious gold.

So when I read that God wants me to dwell in the "secret place of the Most High under the shadow of the Almighty," I believe it is referring to "the Holy of Holies."

"Under the shadow of the Almighty" again confirms this location because a huge cloud of God's presence covered this part of the Tabernacle as Moses led Israel away from bondage through the wilderness. The cloud also protected the people from the hot desert sun as they traveled to the Promised Land.

How does this Scripture apply to us today? When you and I put our trust in God, by inviting Him and His Son into our lives, God is joined to our "born again spirits" (I Corinthians 6:17).

You are triune: spirit, soul and body (*pneuma, psyche* and *soma*, Greek). Now your spirit has become a "spiritual" Holy of Holies where God dwells. Your greatest safety comes as you are led by the Holy Spirit who indwells your spirit.

Try memorizing the first two verses of the famous Psalm 91. Meditate on it. Enjoy!

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