

When God Speaks To You, Write it Down

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Meditating on Psalm 91 can be a life-long journey. One day you read it for the first time and then peruse it once in awhile.

That's the way it was with me. Then on May 18, 2002, I was driving along in my blue Honda and a person on the radio quoted Psalm 91:3, in a translation new to me:

"He Himself will deliver you from the hunter's net, from the destructive plague" (Psalm 91:3, *Holman Christian Standard Bible*).

It was just what I needed. Strange, I thought, "I just 'happened' to turn on the radio and seconds later I heard the words that spoke to a very personal need."

Instead of the King James Version using the word "fowler," here's the word "hunter." When I heard the words "the hunter's net" I realized that God was speaking to encourage me in a spiritual battle.

He would "deliver me," and He did.

APPLY THIS TO YOU

Perhaps your good name has been attacked by someone who is jealous of your opportunities. He does not like your success in business, or he or she seriously and publicly disagrees with your politics.

If a Scripture speaks to you, put the date in your Bible next

to the verse. If your Bible is too fancy to write in, get a paperback Bible that you can use as your journal. You do not want to miss those moments when God speaks specifically to you through His Word.

This way your personal Bible will get more valuable as the years go by.

GOD LOVES YOU

Continuing with our Psalm 91 – verse four says of God, "He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall trust: His truth shall be your shield and buckler" (KJV MOD).

The wings of God are a metaphor speaking of His comfort and His desire to take care of you. To be under this tender care and comfort of God, you must be willing.

Jesus the Messiah spoke about this. He said to the leaders of the Holy City, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets, and stones those sent to her. How often would I have gathered your children together, even as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings and you would not" (Matthew 23:37, KJV MOD).

How can we desire to be elsewhere other than close to, abiding in and learning from Him? We are His chicks and He wants to nurture us, protect us, feed us, warm us, hold us close to His heart.

God shows His mothering nature here, which is also found in His Hebrew name *El Shaddai*.

YOUR ARMOR

"His truth shall be your shield and buckler" (verse 4b).

"The buckler is "armor carried on the arm to intercept blows (synonym: shield)." The buckler-shield was small and for quick action in battle (<http://dictionary.die.net>).

The Hebrew word for truth is *emet*, spelled: *aleph*, *mem*, and *tav*: the first, middle and last letters for the word – truth.

Aleph stands for God's strength and for having no other God but Him. "Do not let idols replace God."

Mem stands for water that refreshes. Psalm 23 says, "He leads me beside the still, the calm waters..." The Holy Spirit's presence refreshes.

Tav stands for truth itself. God and His written Word are truth. Jesus is the truth (John 14:6). *Yeshua Ha emet*.

Your shield and buckler of truth are even found in the Hebrew word Jesus would have spoken and known: *emet* (pronounced: *ehmet*).

Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, then you are my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth [*emet*] and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32).

Sit back now, breathe deeply, close your eyes, and meditate on thoughts and pictures that come to you from Psalm 91, especially verses three and four.

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