



## I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Welcome to our sixth annual biker blessing – Why do we do this?
- B. The desire for security is common to all of us

**Ecclesiastes 4:1 (NLT)** Again, I observed all the oppression that takes place under the sun. I saw the tears of the oppressed, with no one to comfort them. The oppressors have great power, and their victims are helpless.

- C. World gone crazy

## II. A VERY PRESENT HELP

- A. A present help

**Psalm 46:1 (NKJV)** God *is* our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

- this is a quality that is reserved for God alone and that is omnipresent

**Psalm 46:2-3 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; <sup>3</sup> *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah

- B. God declares Himself as our shelter

**Psalm 91:1-4 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup> Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. <sup>2</sup> This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. <sup>3</sup> For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. <sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

- Faith in His promises are our protection

**Psalm 91:5-6 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. <sup>6</sup> Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

- Faith in God doesn't remove danger from us

- C. We misinterpret this...

- God didn't say you'd never have the opportunity to be afraid



**Psalm 91:7-9 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup> Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you. <sup>8</sup> Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished. <sup>9</sup> If you make the Lord your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter,

**Psalm 91:10-13 (NLT)** <sup>10</sup> no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home. <sup>11</sup> For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. <sup>12</sup> They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone. <sup>13</sup> You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

### **III. GOD GIVES US A PRINCIPLE**

I believe that the most effective way to pray is to pray scripture – it's what God has said

**Hebrews 13:5-6 (NLT)** <sup>5</sup> Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."<sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?"

A. God has said so we may say

B. I love the "I Will" of Psalm 91

**Psalm 91:14-16 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup> The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. <sup>15</sup> When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup> I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

#### **Prayer of protection based on Psalm 91**

Father, I thank You that Your Word does not return unto You void, but that it will accomplish everything You sent it to do. Thank You for Your promises of safety and protection that are in Your Word. I believe that You are my shelter and strong tower in time of need.

Because I live in You, I live under Your protection. Because I'm under Your protection, I boldly declare today that You are my refuge, and strong fortress and You will deliver me from the attacks of the enemy. I thank You that I don't have to be afraid of anything because You deliver me and cover me with Your protection. Because You are my dwelling place, I thank You that no evil will befall me and no plague will come near my dwelling. Thank You that You've given Your angels charge over me, for they keep me in all my ways, so I won't even stub my foot on a stone. Thank You that no weapon formed against me will prosper and that oppression and fear will be far from me.

Lord, You are my refuge and strength, and whenever there is trouble, You are present with me. You said You will deliver me and set me on high. When I call on You, You will answer me. You will be with me in trouble, and satisfy me with a long full life and show me Your salvation.

Thank you, Father, for being the rock of my salvation in Jesus' name, amen.