
Covered by His Blood (Safe in His Arms)

The Secret Place of Holiness

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Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: Covered by His Blood (Safe in His Arms)

New Series Messages: “The Secret Place of Holiness”

- Theme Scriptures: Psalm 91:1-16
- Sermon: Shelter in “The Secret” Place (Shadow, Refuge, Fortress)

Lesson Text

Psalm 91:1–4 (AV)¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ²I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³**Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.** ⁴**He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

Isaiah 53:5 (AV)⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Introduction

Today we continue our new series that deal with the Promises of Holiness for times of trouble!

If you recall, we stated that the 91st psalm is a promise of consolation, support, and protection for the people of God during times of terror and unseen danger.

Last week we learned that we don’t just “Shelter in Place” because of fear, but we “Shelter in the Secret Place” because we are under the shadow of protection, refuge, and strength!

Today, on this Resurrection Sunday, we will learn that we are covered during times of trouble.

An article in National Geographic years ago provided a penetrating picture of God’s wings:

- After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park [in 1989], forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno’s damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.
- When he struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother’s wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her babies.
- When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast. She had been willing to die, so those under her wings would live.

Psalm 91: ³ Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

The contemporary translations say, “rescue and shield from hidden traps, hazards, and disease”. How does God rescue us from the hidden traps and shield us from deadly hazards and disease? The same way the bird protected it’s young during the forest fire, by covering us!

Psalm 91: ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Despite the impending danger in which he had the power to escape and fly away, Jesus stayed and died so that we could live.

Luke 22 ⁴² Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

John 10:17–18 (AV) ¹⁷ **Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. ¹⁸ No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.**

Isaiah 53: ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Psalm 91:4 (The Message) His huge outstretched arms protect you— under them you're perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm.

He covered us with his wings so we wouldn't be wounded, he covered us with his truth so that we wouldn't be bruised, and he covered us with his blood so that we would not die but live.

***Series and Sermon: The Secret Place of Holiness: Covered by His Blood (Safe in His Arms)
“Covered by His Wings, Covered by His Truth, Covered by His Blood”***

I. Covered by His Wings (Wounded)

Psalm 91: ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, **and under his wings shalt thou trust:** his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Just as the bird protected her chicks from the impending fire by keeping them under her wings, God protects us from our wounds by covering us with his.

Isaiah 53: ⁵ **But he was wounded for our transgressions,** *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Deuteronomy 32:11 (AV) ¹¹ As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings:

Since the bible teaches us that we will reap what we sow, why is it that we don't really feel the true extent of the transgressions we've sown? (Romans 6:23, “the wages of sin is death”).

The answer is, when the “Reap/Wages” comes back at us, Jesus steps in and takes it for us.

I often hear people talk about how they've been hurt, how they've been betrayed, how they were offended, insulted, or wounded by someone. They talk about church hurt, job or career hurt, marriage, family, or relationship hurt.

But let me be clear, these wounds that we experience weren't designed to hurt us, they were designed to kill us.

John 10:10 (AV)¹⁰ **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.**

Satan wasn't trying to hurt our feelings, put us in our emotions, or gives us a bad day or an unhappy life; he was trying to kill us!

And so, the reason why it didn't kill us was because God took the brunt of the wound for us.

“He was wounded for our transgressions!”

II. Covered by His Truth (Bruised)

Psalm 91: ⁴ He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: **his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

The second thing our Lord and Savior does is he covers us with His Truth.

Psalm 100: ⁵ For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

What God's Truth covers is the bruises that would have driven us crazy.

Isaiah 53: ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, **he was bruised for our iniquities:** the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

One of the things that Jesus specifically said he was anointed for was our bruises.

Luke 4:¹⁸ **The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

The last group here was the bruised. It is translated oppressed or crushed. It's not just being hurt, but being hurt over and over and over again.

Physically we call it “chronic encephalopathy”; it's when the brain is injured from a concussion when it hits the side of skull. And before it can heal, it is bruised again, and then again. And when this happens enough times, it will drive a person crazy.

And if this can happen physically to the natural brain, what do you think it can do emotionally to the heart and soul, or spiritually to the human spirit.

But Jesus covered us knowing the pain of the bruises he was about to experience!

Luke 22:41–42 (AV)⁴¹ And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, ⁴² Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

When he covered us with His Truth, he covered with what His Word said about us, not what life said about us.

Life should have been driven out of our mind, but His Truth Covered us: Philippians 4:⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds ...

Life should have left us alone and lonely, but His Truth Covered us: Hebrews 13: ⁵ ... for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Life should have destroyed us, but His Truth Covered us: Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; ...

“He was bruised for our Iniquities”

III. Covered by His Blood (Healed)

Psalm 91: ⁴ **He shall cover thee with his feathers**, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

God covered us with His Wings, and the wounds did not kill us. He covered us with His Truth, and the bruises did not drive us crazy.

Finally, God covered us with His Blood, and although we should have died, He Healed us!

Isaiah 53: ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; **and with his stripes we are healed.**

The wounds and the bruises left me to die, but God healed me and I'm yet alive.

Ezekiel 16:⁶ And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood, Live.

The wounds had you bleeding out life, the bruises had you out of your mind, but Jesus gave you a blood transfusion and said live.

Psalm 118:17 (AV)¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

Revelation 12:11 (AV)¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

On this Resurrection Sunday, we live because Jesus died. He was betrayed, falsely accused, whipped, beaten, pierced/stabbed in the side, pricked with a crown of thorns, nailed to the cross, and hung his head and died. But in three days he got up!

1 Corinthians 15:54–57 (AV)⁵⁴ ... Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory? ⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He Got Up and Covered Me! And because I'm covered, I'm Safe in His Arms:

“Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need.

He lets me rest in the meadows grass, And He leads me besides the quiet stream.

He restores my failing hands, And helps me to do what honors.

That's why I'm safe, Safe in His arms!”

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Covered by His Blood (Save in His Arms))

Lesson Text

- Psalm 91:1–4

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. Covered by His Wings (Wounded)

II. Covered by His Truth (Bruised)

III. Covered by His Blood (Healed)

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. If you could be in any movie, what would it be and what character would you play?
2. Summarize this Sunday’s sermon in three sentences.

II. Into the Bible

1. Read 1 Peter 1:18-19, “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, ...¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” Answer the following questions, use reference scriptures:
 - i. What is redemption?
 - ii. What gives power to the blood of Jesus?
 - iii. What other blessings has the power of his blood accomplished for the believer?
 - iv. How can we experience the results the blood is intended to produce?
2. What are the seven places Jesus shed His blood and its significance to believers? (ref. scriptures)

III. Life Application

1. Reflection: During this Resurrection time, think of all of the punishment and wrath Jesus bore and took on our behalf. Using three descriptive words, how does this reflection make you feel?
2. Application: Knowing that you are covered with His Wings, Truth, and Blood, write three affirmation sentences that you will commit to confessing every day for the next seven days. Document any positive changes that took place.