<u>Pastor's Weekly Devotional</u>- January 26, 2017 "David Amulet Against Fear"

The 91st psalm was used from ancient times by Israel as an amulet against disease and pestilence, fire and flood, disaster or sudden death. The <u>keynote</u> of the psalm is Courage. "You must not be afraid" occurs again and again.

The psalmist tells us that of "we dwell in the secret place of the Most High we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." So, the four demons that love darkness and dwell in darkness cannot affect us when we "remain under God's Almighty Hands." They are Discouragement, Remorse, Despair and Loneliness. These demons invade us, elude us, attack us, strangle us or stay near to us to whispering words of hopelessness.

But Psalm 91 tells that God will protect us from the following:

- the terrors of night (fear real and imagined)
- the arrows of the day (the evil words of people see Psalm 64:3)
- the pestilence that walks in darkness (disease and destruction)

God's Guardian Hand goes around the clock. From midnight to morning; from the noonday to the evening shadows – we can "abide under the shadow of the Almighty" and find peace and security.

Have a blessed week.
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