

LIFE CYCLE OF THE CHURCH

Trust

Psalm 91

Psalm 91:1-2 (NKJV) 1 He who 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 I will trust."

As we consider the responsibilities and challenges confronting fathers today, one might be tempted to spend more time criticizing than complimenting the men of our various continents, communities and cultures. However, to indiscriminately do so would be a mistake. While our public media outlets spend a great deal of time publicizing the various ills of the world, they seem to rarely invest equal time conveying the good that is taking place around us. This is especially true when it comes to the practices of fathers.

Of all the hours fathers spend working to financially support their families, as well as the hours spent in the general relationship of home life, familial functions, recreational activities, and even regular participation in a faith community, the chasm between what is witnessed vs. truly believed about a father can be vast. **I would argue that fathers must spend as much time in engaged discourse about faith as they might do in general participation.**

Psalm 91 offers fathers a starting point for developing their children's life of faith. At its core, this psalm is all about trusting God.

1. The believer who places his faith in God will find security and protection from the difficulties of life. (v.1-2)
2. God will deliver the believer from both spiritual and physical attacks, whether from Satan or man and from sickness of many forms. God will provide safety and comfort, as well as protect him with His faithfulness. (v. 3-6)
3. As the believer stands in his trust in God, he will experience a release from fear and dread, even as he witnesses the struggles and failures of others. (v. 7-8)
4. The believer's trust in God is blessed by the assigning of angels to guard and protect him from harm. (v.9-13)
5. The Lord promises to rescue, protect, stand with through trouble, honor and satisfy the believer. (v.14-16)