



PARENT GUIDE

ELEMENTARY (3RD – 5TH)



BIBLE LESSON:

Psalms 91 – God’s Umbrella of Protection
Psalms 91:15-16

MEMORY VERSE:

When I call You God, you answer me...You satisfy me with long life and Your salvation.
Psalms 91:15-16

BOTTOM LINE:

God always hears me when I talk to Him.

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PRAISE AND WORSHIP

You are never too young to praise and worship God! Time to sing and dance!

Click [Every Move I Make](#) for today's worship song.

FAITH TIME

Before we get started, let's talk about FAITH! Why? Because faith pleases God (Hebrews 11:6)! For today's Bible lesson, we are going to talk about using our faith to know that God hears us when we talk to Him.

My **EARS** hear GOD'S WORD. *(Point to your ears)*

My **HEART** believes GOD'S WORD. *(Point to your heart)*

My **MOUTH** confesses GOD'S WORD. *(Point to your mouth)*

My **HANDS** go to work. *(Wave your hands in the air)*



SNACK TIME

Grab a quick snack before sitting down for the Bible lesson. You can even turn on some music!

Click [Every Move I Make](#) to play the worship song again.

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BIBLE LESSON

In today's lesson, we will be reading from *Psalms 91 for Youth: God's Umbrella of Protection* by Peggy Joyce Ruth. We will be reading Chapters 16-20. It's okay if you do not have the book! Just grab a Bible and turn to Psalms 91:15-16.



**PSALMS
91:15-16**

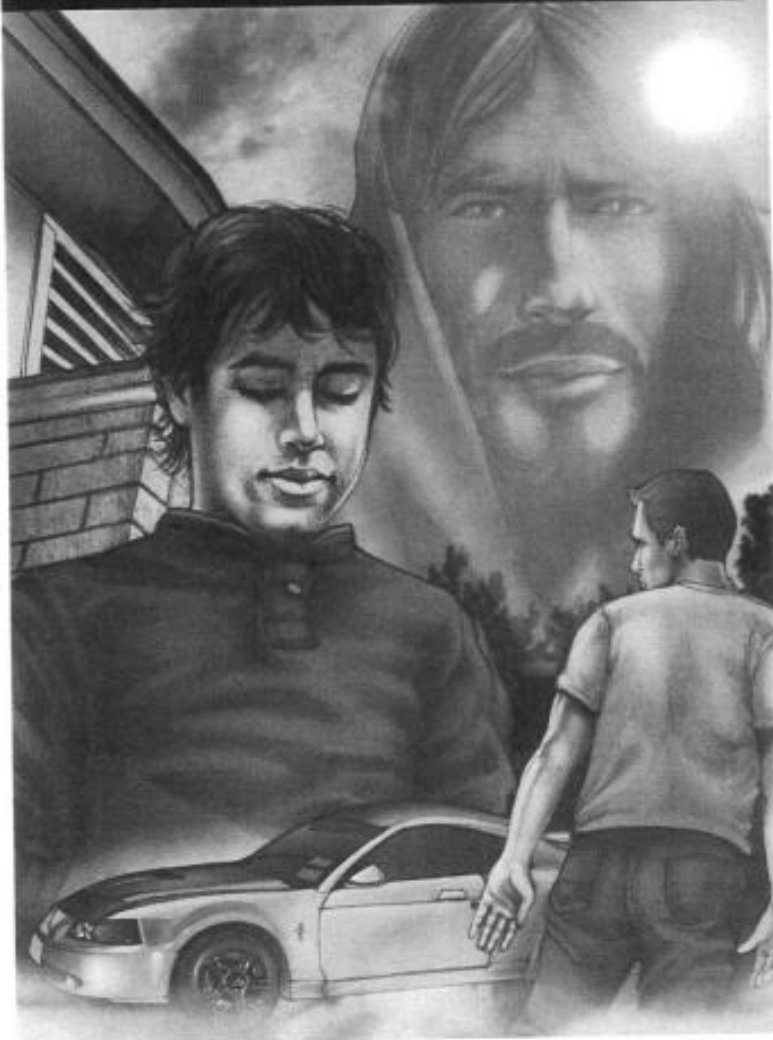
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CHAPTER 16
"They will call upon me
and I will answer them."



David Phillip

Chapter 16

God Answers When I Call!



They will call on Me, and I will answer them.

Psalm 91: 15a

THE THIRD BONUS PROMISE from God is to answer those who truly *love Him* and *call on His name*. If we ask something in Jesus' Name, it has to be according to His Will, because His Name and His Will and His Word are the same.

We can come to God with no doubts. This means that when we ask God for things (and if those things agree with what God wants for us), then God cares about what we say. God listens to us every time we ask Him. So we know that He gives us the things that we ask from Him.

I John 5: 14-15

Just think about what that verse is saying to you. Do you realize that every time you pray a prayer that lines up with God's Word, He hears you? And because He hears you, you can know He will give you whatever you ask. Wow! That one promise should keep us always trying to find out what God's Word says so we can pray exactly according to His Will.

Cullen's Story

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I am going to let James Zintgraff tell this next miracle in his own words:

◦ The Summer that Cullen was five years old, I was swimming with him and his cousins in their pool. One of the adults had said, "OK, everyone out of the pool." Everyone else had headed inside the house when Cullen saw a plastic life raft come floating by. He said, "Hey, James, watch this," as he stepped off the side of the pool onto the raft like it was a solid piece. It flipped out from under him, and he fell backwards into the water, grazing his head on the side of the pool as he fell.

It was the deep end of the pool, and I watched Cullen, with his arms and legs outstretched, just start sinking to the bottom. I dived in and grabbed him under the arms, but he is unusually big for his age—and weighed more than I did. His dad always said that he felt like a chunk of lead when you tried to lift him, so I wondered if I could get him to the top of the water—especially since he must have been dazed from scraping his head on the concrete.

I knew we were in trouble so I called on God, and suddenly, I felt someone grab me from behind and begin pushing Cullen and

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me straight up from the bottom of the pool. (I thought one of the adults had seen us and dived in to help me.) I shot up out of the water with Cullen above me. Then it was like someone pulled Cullen from my arms and laid him on the side of the pool. (I was in water way over my head, so there was no way I could have lifted dead weight out of the pool.) Cullen started crying and coughing, and when I looked around, no one was there—absolutely, no one! I knew God had heard me call, and He had sent an angel to answer my call.

By this time the adults came running out of the house to see if we were OK. They treated me like a hero, and I was given a plaque that says, "James Zintgraff saved Cullen Ruth's life," but I knew that I could not have done that rescue alone. I was only an eleven year old kid. I know God heard me and sent His angel to answer my call.

James Zintgraff

The next time you are in the deep end of a swimming pool, try getting under someone and lifting him out of the water—without touching the sides or bottom of the pool. It is next to impossible. Trained lifeguards would have difficulty doing what James did,

but his secret was *calling on God*. And God was big enough to lift both Cullen and James.

Have you ever lost something valuable and just gave up and never prayed about it because everyone said it was too late? One day we came home and found that the car belonging to our teenagers had been stolen from the carport. When we prayed and asked God to return the car, He told us to choose to forgive the one who took it. That was hard at first, but we remembered that forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling, and we made a sincere choice to forgive the person who had taken from us.

Forgiving them didn't seem to help the situation. The sheriff's department told us they didn't think we would



ever see the car again since it had been gone for almost a week. It was hard to ignore that negative report, but as a family we sat around the kitchen table and came into agreement that God would do a miracle. We knew that even if we never saw the car again, we would still love and trust God, but we didn't want the devil to win. And sure enough, after one week a man turned himself in and said he had stolen things all of his life, but this was *the first time he had ever felt guilty*.

He told us he had left the car on the parking lot of the rodeo grounds in a nearby town. When we drove up, there it was—exactly where he had said. We called on God, and, just like He promised, He answered.

CHAPTER 17
"I will be with them in trouble
and I will rescue them."



David Phillip

Chapter 17

God Rescues Me From Trouble!



I will be with them in trouble and I will rescue them.
Psalm 91: 15

THE FOURTH PROMISE TO the one who loves God is to be rescued from trouble. Have you ever been in trouble and needed to be rescued? When I think of God rescuing us when we are in trouble, I always think of this story of my son.

We had a flood in Brownwood several years ago, and Bill had a herd of goats on the land by the river. The flood waters came up so quickly that the water overflowed the banks, and his goats had no way to get to higher ground. Thankfully, some old ranchers happened to see them and were able to get them hoisted up into the loft of a barn before they drowned.

It was so deep and swift by the time Bill got to the edge of those flood waters the police wouldn't allow anyone through the road blocks. Thinking the goats had been washed away in the flood, you can imagine how happy Bill was when someone told him they were in the loft of a barn across the river. He knew,

however, that they would suffocate—all closed up in that loft with no water and hardly any air—if he didn't get to them soon. So he found a little tin bottom boat and went out across those dangerously swift, flood waters to rescue his goats that were in trouble.

Bill had bottle fed one of the goats after its mother died and named him *Little Willie*. As Bill got close to the barn, he recognized Little Willie, crying out louder than all the others. It took a while to get the loft door open while standing in the boat with the water rushing by on each side—but the moment it came loose, Little Willie was the first one to jump into his arms. Bill was able to pull the goats down into the boat a few at a time, and then—boat load by boat load—he rowed them all back to safety.

There was a TV crew from Abilene filming the flood, and Bill and his goats made a great news story that day. Everyone listening to the six o'clock news, and then again at ten o'clock, watched the little goat boy as he rescued all of his goats.

I never think of Bill rescuing those goats that were in trouble without thinking of how God sees us, like Little Willie, calling out in our troubles. And when we do, God always finds a way to rescue us. Aren't you thankful that we have a loving heavenly Father who rescues us out of our troubles? Whatever trouble you find yourself in, remember that nothing is too big for

God. But you have to run to Him—not away from Him.

Sometimes a person will think their being rescued was just a lucky break. When we are trusting God, there are no lucky breaks. It is God seeing us in trouble and coming to our rescue.



G. Stallworth



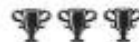
CHAPTER 18
"I will honor them."



David Phillip

Chapter 18

God Honors Me!



I will honor them. Psalm 91: 15

THE FIFTH PROMISE TO those who love God is to be honored. Do you like to be honored? Of course you do! Maybe you can remember a time when a teacher called your name in school and bragged on the homework you turned in. That made you feel good. That was an honor.

Most schools have an Awards Day and different students are given special awards. When your name is called out, and an award is handed to you in front of all the other students, it is an honor. Cullen was thrilled when his teacher called him up last year and gave him a special award. *Awards Day* is one of the highlights and most eagerly awaited days of the entire school year, whether it be a grade school or university assembly. A student may use any excuse to miss other school days—but not *Awards Day*, especially if he thinks he will get an honor. Have you ever watched people's faces just beam when their name is called out. Most schools give awards for everything from academics to sports trophies to recognition for science projects, all because people like to be honored.

A number of years ago our daughter, Angelia, attended a political rally in our city given for George



G. Stallworth

W. Bush when he was campaigning for Texas Governor. She had talked to Mr. Bush at the beginning of the meeting, but after that he had met several hundred other people before making his speech. Later, when he was leaving, everyone was shocked when he left the group he was with to dart back to our daughter and thank her for something she had said. It honored her that he not only remembered her, but also remembered their conversation. He promised he would not make her cry at the election in November.

We all like to be honored—good marks on a paper, a ribbon from a race, a trophy from a team victory, a compliment from a teacher... **These are all special honors, but have you ever thought about what it means to be honored by God? How does God honor you? He honors you when He calls you His son or His daughter. He honors you every time He answers your prayer. He honors you by promising to let you live with Him eternally.** There are no honors on this earth that can compare to being honored by God. I challenge you to live a life that is honored by God.

How God
honors us...



CHAPTER 19
"With length of days I will
satisfy them."



David Phillip

Chapter 19

God Satisfies Me with
a Long Life

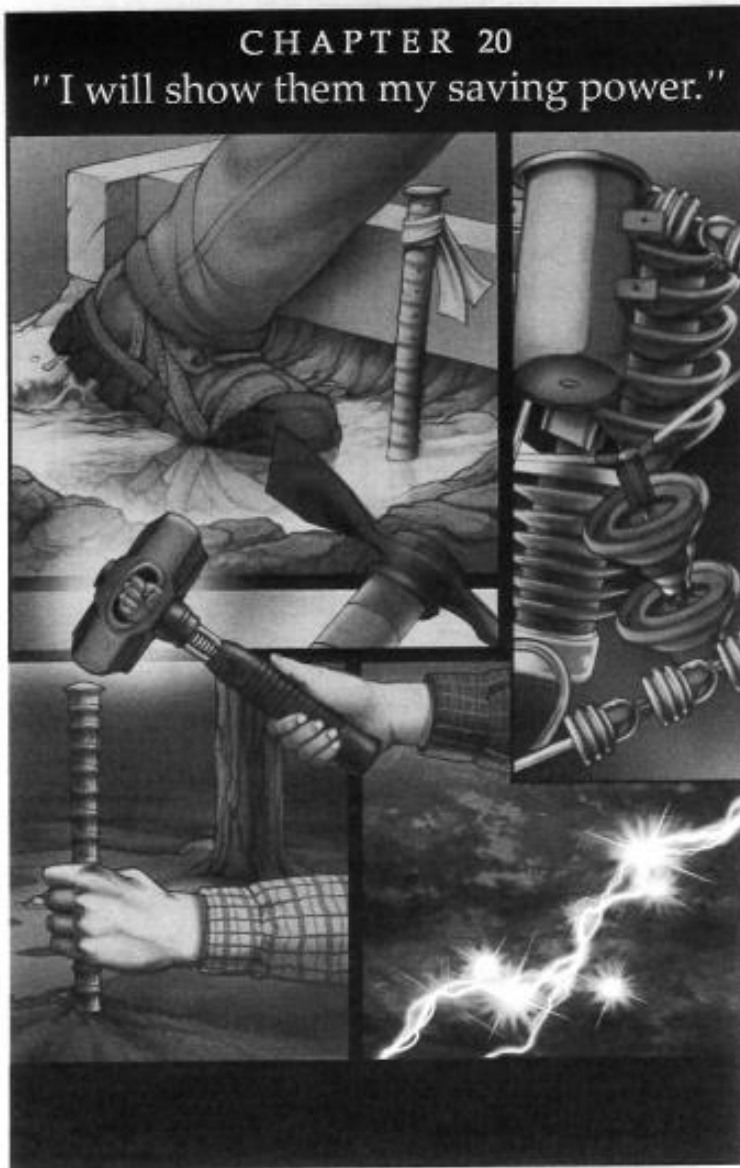


With a long life I will satisfy him... (NAS)
Psalm 91: 16a

THE SIXTH PROMISE IS that God will give the one who loves Him a long, full life. God does not want us to simply have a lot of birthdays. Some people have had a great many birthdays, but they were never happy. God says He will give you many birthdays, and, as those birthdays roll around, you will be satisfied and feel complete.

We all have an empty place inside of our heart, and nothing will fill that emptiness except Jesus. People down through the ages have tried to fill it with different things, but the things of this world will not bring lasting satisfaction. Only after you decide to follow fully after God and give Him your whole heart, will He fill your life to overflowing. Then you will experience a joy you don't even have words to describe.

He (God) satisfies me with good things... Psalm 103:5



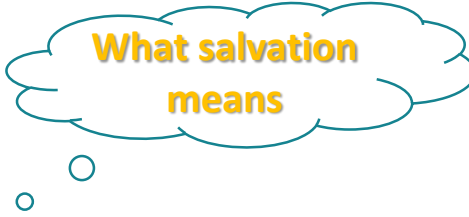
David Phillip

I Can See God's Salvation †††

They will see how I can save. Psalm 91: 16b

TO SEE THE SALVATION of the Lord means to reach out and take hold of it — to make it a part of your life. Many people are surprised when they look up the word *saved* or *salvation* in the Bible. Do you know what it means? Most people just think it means a *ticket to get into heaven*. It means that, but it means so much more. The word salvation also means health, healing, deliverance, protection, and provision in this life. That means you can live in *health*, but if you happen to get sick, then God will give you *healing*. It means He will *deliver* you from evil things that are causing you to be unhappy. He will *protect* you from harm, and He will *provide* everything you need to have a full life. A person who doesn't know God might think this is impossible, but that is just because he doesn't know the faithfulness of our powerful God.

As you learn how to trust God for His healing and deliverance and protection, other people will watch you and start learning how to trust God, too. We had



his bed, not realizing that his weight was going to break the rabbit's neck. That sad experience was probably why he always wanted animals around when he was grown and why he made sure all the grandchildren had pets. Often we would catch him putting a grandbaby, still in diapers, on the back of one of his goats. As we got older, riding that goat while holding onto its horns was more fun than a carousel.

In high school dad became the city boxing champion and held that title until someone secretly brought in a professional boxer who took Dad down. The newspaper had a picture of my dad, the town champion, knocked out and lying flat on his back. The headlines read, "*The Mighty Crow Has Fallen.*"

Dad was the star player on his Howard Payne College football team. I read newspaper articles my mother had pasted in her scrapbook that called Dad *The Tank*. One article said, "Crow looked like an army tank going through a corn field, mowing down everything in its pathway." Dad's football years were before extreme hazing was outlawed, so he went through some really tough punishment. I've heard him talk about the belt lines where they were told to strip down and carry a torch in the dark while being made to run between two lines of older football players who popped them with belts as they ran past. Dad was good at what he did. He was even offered a contract to play for the Green Bay Packers, but he turned it down to marry my mother during his last year

at college. He served in World War II and then came home to a loving wife and raised three children who adored him. He became the father to his children that he always wished he had.

God was abundantly blessing him, but something was missing. He was such a good man with Godly morals that I didn't realize while I was living at home that **he had not yet seen His Salvation!**

You can imagine the surprise and joy I felt the day he called, asking me to come to his baptism that night. And what a difference it made! He had always been a good, loving person; but from that day forward, his entire life changed. He would witness about Jesus to everyone he met, take food to people on his mail route who were in need, repair mail boxes for the elderly, slip candy to the children... He loved God with his whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and he didn't mind the world knowing it. When he went home to be with the Lord, his Bible told the story of his new life because it was covered with highlighted passages and notes in the margins—painting a picture of the *love walk* that he enjoyed with his heavenly Father. **He had indeed SEEN THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.**

There are promises all through the Bible, but this is the only place where all of the promises of protection are gathered together in one chapter. Psalm 91 is a covenant (promise) of protection for any of God's children

who will love Him and trust Him to do what He says. The world gives us a 911 number to call if we get in trouble, but God has done better than that. He has given us Psalm 91:1. My prayer is that you will use this book as a handbook and study this Psalm 91 until every fear is driven out of your life. God wants you to know He will be faithful to bring about every one of these promises, if you will be faithful to Him. He wants more than anything for you to see and take hold of His Salvation.



C. Stallworth



LET'S TALK

(Ask these questions after going over the Bible Lesson)

Think about a time you were in trouble? How did God help you?

Tell someone about it.

Think about a time you were honored (or recognized) for doing something good.

Tell someone about it.

Name at least ONE way God honors us.

He calls us His son or daughter.

He answers our prayers.

We can live with him eternally (forever).

What does God's salvation mean?

We go to Heaven

Health and Healing

Deliverance and Protection

Provision (we get the things we need)

PRAYER

(Have children repeat after you; if they are too small to talk, then pray the prayer for them and replace "me" with your child/children's name)

Dear God,

Thank You for protecting us. Thank You for the power that we have when we call Your Name. Thank You for answering us when we pray.

In Jesus name, Amen!

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AT-HOME ACTIVITIES

- **WHAT YOU NEED:**

- "I Am Thankful" activity pages (*or make your own*)
- Paper, Pencil, and Crayons or markers

- **WHAT YOU DO:**

- Make a list of all the things you are thankful for (*you can write and draw them*).
- Color the cornucopia and the pictures you drew.
- Lift your hands and say, "Thank you God!"

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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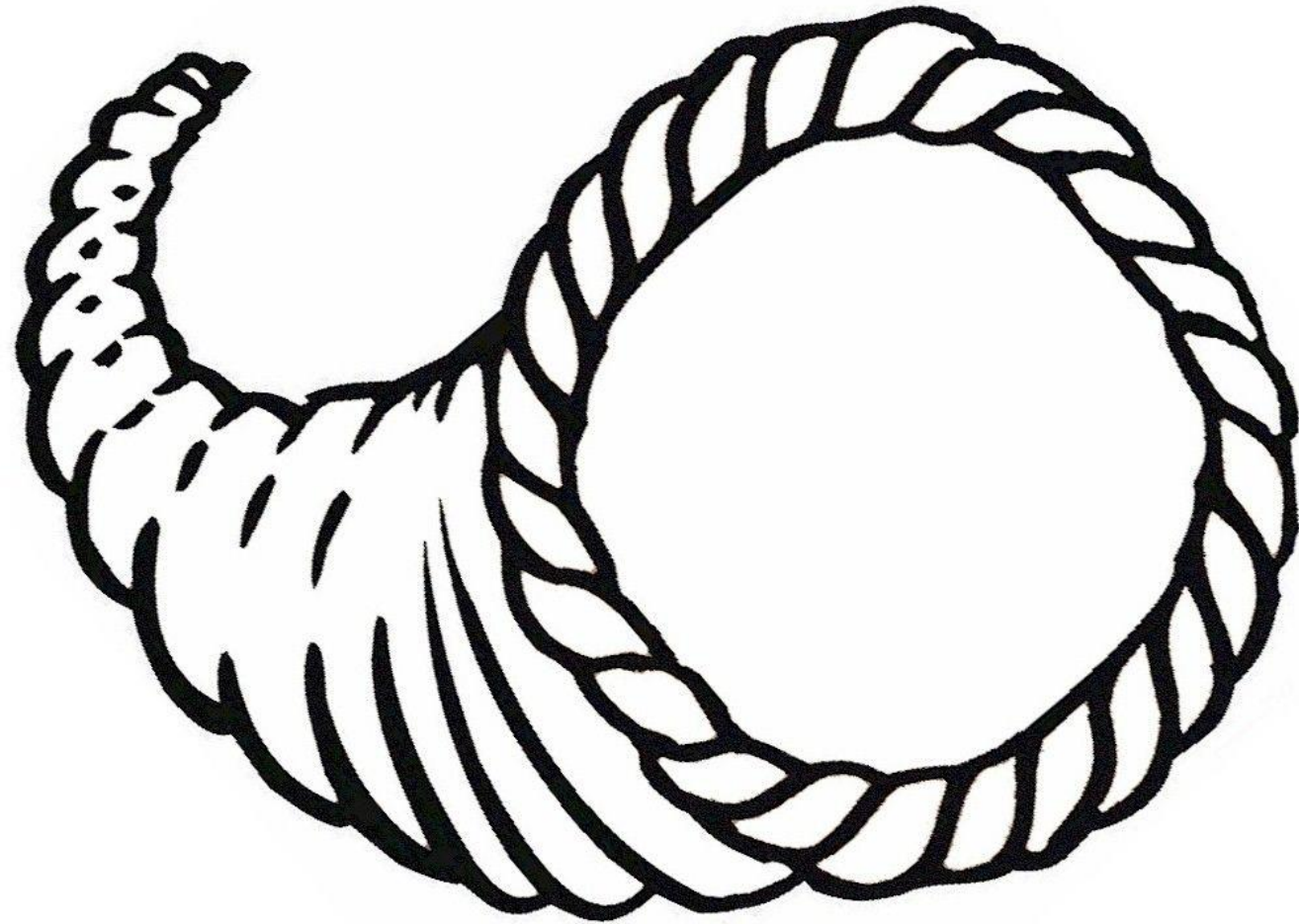
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I Am Thankful!

Color the picture. Then draw and make a list of all of the things you are thankful for.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

(Use the back if you need more space.)



FILL-IN-THE-BLANK PSALMS 91 CONFSSION

Use the word bank below to complete the confession.

Lord, I thank you that:

- 1 I stay in the _____ of You God and stay close to Your _____.
- 2 You are my _____ place, my God, in You I _____.
- 3 For You _____ me from the devil's traps, and from the deadly _____.
- 4 You _____ me with Your power, and under Your care I find safety. Your faithfulness is a shield and a wall of _____ around me.
- 5 I do not fear of the terror that comes at night, or the bad things the _____ tries to put in my mind.
- 6 Nor the _____ that tries to come in at night, not even the destruction that comes at noonday.
- 7 A _____ can fall at one side and ten thousand can fall at my other side, but destruction will not come _____ me.
- 9 Because I have made You, Lord my _____ place, and the Most High God, my refuge (and place of safety).
- 10 No evil shall be allowed to take me down, and no plague will come near my body.
- 11 For You _____ Your _____ to guard me in all I do.
- 12 In their hands they hold me up; I will not even strike my foot on a rock.
- 13 Evil things may come, but I will _____ them under my feet.
- 14 Why? Because I stay close to You, God, I know You love me and _____ me, because I know You personally.
- 15 When I call You God, you answer me and help me when I'm in trouble.
- 16 You satisfy me with long life and Your _____.

In Jesus' Name... AMEN!!!!

WORD BANK

cover	safety	thousand	near	angels	safety
salvation	disease	hiding	delivered	protect	disease
command	trample	devil	trust	shadow	dwelling

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