Promises Not Panic Day 6 3/23/2020

Welcome- Promise Not Panic- Today we start unpacking **Psalm 91**.

Many plagues and pestilence throughout church history. One horrible time of pestilence was in London in 1832-66. 4 outbreaks Cholera. Deaths- 12k in 53-54. Young Charles Spurgeon is on the scene...

"A German physician was wont to speak of Psalm 91 as the <u>best preservative</u> in times of cholera, and in truth, it is a <u>heavenly medicine against plague and pest</u>. He who can <u>live in its spirit will be fearless</u>, **even if** once again London should become a lazar-house, and the grave be gorged with carcasses." Spurgeon Treasury David

Psa 91:1 He who <u>dwells</u> in the <u>secret place</u> of the Most High Shall <u>abide</u> under the <u>shadow of the Almighty</u>.

Psa 31:20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Mat 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Vs.18 repeats)

Fact- the secret place is a spiritual location, the very Presence of God, that is open to all but visited and dwelt in by few, that's why its referred to as secret, sadly, many Believers know nothing of this place.

Listen- it is accessed with an attitude and action of never leaving but dwelling and abiding there. The secret place isn't intended to have a revolving door!

Q. What is it to dwell in the secret place of the Almighty? What is it to abide under His shadow?

A. It is to be in a focused, intentional spiritual mindset where the LORD is always before you. Where you set your adoration and affection on Him. Where you practice His Presence in a continual state of prayer and worship. Where His commands are your delight and His promises your satisfaction!

One thing mindset-

a) Psa 27:4-5 One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. (one thing, seek, dwell, behold, inquire... secret place).

b) Luk 10:38-42 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also <u>sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word</u>. But Martha was <u>distracted</u> with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are <u>worried</u> and <u>troubled</u> about many things. But <u>one thing is needed</u>, and Mary has <u>chosen that good part</u>, which will not be taken away from her."

Martha- distracted, worried, troubled... no concept of sitting at feet and hearing word.

Mary- chose the one thing necessary, sitting at feet and hearing Word, no distraction, worry or trouble.

Beloved- lets give ourselves to the "one thing" "secret place" mindset so we can experience the promise of His Presence in our lives like never before, so we can experience the open reward of living a life in secret!

Communion-

Close- share, share, share... get the notes... see you tomorrow as we continue our study in Ps 91.