Psalm 91: Dwelling with the Lord

I. Psalm 91: a psalm all about abiding with the Lord
   A. The psalm speaks of joining oneself more closely to God to receive his help and support.
   B. Vv. 1-2: Titles of God reveal his character and promises
      1. Yahweh -personal name of the Lord
      2. Elyon-most high
      3. Shaddai-the almighty
   C. Shelter
      1.Christ is our shelter. He overshadows us with his love.
      2. Abides-to keep coming back to dwell there.
   D. God most high.
      1. Psalmist makes a key distinction because there were other competing gods,
         Powers and demonic powers. Ie. Ex. 15
      2. Abide-John 15. To put down roots. This means establishing a healthy
         Relationship with God in one's private time.
II. The Promise vv. 3-4
   A. Deliver-one is being hunted down and we are delivered from the hunter.
      Reference to demonic spirits that can cause chaos.
      See Mark 16:15-20.
   B. Pestilence-plagues and locusts that destroy; see Joel 1:4
   C. V. 4-cover-illustrating a mother eagle covering her babies with her large
      Outstretched winds. "He will rescue you.." or We can't be touched.
III. VV. 5-8: No room for fear.
   A. No room for fear because of the protection of the Lord.
      1. So overwhelming is the Lord's intervention: God is for the person who
         Abides with Him.
      2. Lord is my refuge: hedge of protection
      3. Angels -guardians but also a personal touch of the Lord's presence
         Accompanying, defending and preserving us.
   B. Vv.14-16. Intimacy with the Lord
      1. Now, in the psalm, the Lord speaks to the psalmist.
      2. "I will raise him up to a high, secure place.."
      3. The binding covenant -a person loves the Lord, lives by His word,
         Calls upon him: He will surely answer and deliver the person when
         They are in trouble and times of adversity.

      Reflection:
      1. Psalm 91 is based on "abiding" with the Lord. How would you evaluate
         your quiet time with the Lord?
      2. The nature of the Lord is "Most high". Why is the character of the Lord
         significant for us to be aware of in times of adversity?
      3. What is the basis of living with "no room for fear"?