

## **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18**

### **OUR DWELLING PLACE**

**Psalm 91:9**

**A dwelling place is a place of residence. Therefore your home is your dwelling place...the place you live. When we think of our earthly place of residence it is a place where we eat, sleep, have shelter and protection, where we raise our family, and where we enjoy fellowship with friends and family. Hopefully your home is a place of peace.**

**Psalm 91 speaks of making the Lord our dwelling place...our place of residence. Just as our earthly residence is generally our only dwelling place, the Lord is to be our only spiritual dwelling place. We cannot live in two places at the same time. Therefore, to come and go as far as the Lord's dwelling place just won't work. Some people may move frequently, but we aren't to move in and out or somewhere else when the Lord is our dwelling place.**

**God's dwelling place is a place we find rest and shelter. It is a place of peace. We should find it to be a place we find spiritual nourishment by feeding on His Word. His dwelling place is also a place of hospitality where we can invite others to come and enjoy the fellowship that is there.**

**When we have made the Lord our dwelling place in that way, Psalm 91 gives us many promises...the guarantee which comes with our place of residence. One of these is "no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling." (Verse 10) The reason is God has the best security system around. "For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways." (Verse 11)**

**Whatever difficulty or hurt that comes our way is filtered through the One whose place we reside...not for our hurt, but for our good that His purposes will be fully accomplished by the process those difficulties take us through. Even our difficulties and hurts are kept under His watchful eye. The angels who have been given charge over you have their orders. "In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone." (Verse 12)**

**May the Lord be your permanent dwelling place and may there never be the temptation or even a sign of moving out from that place. Be lovingly devoted to Him and His place of residence. As you are, His promise is to deliver and protect because you know His name. (Verse 14)**