

***The Antidote to
'Fear of All Things Potentially Harmful'
P91Ko and FI
(Psalm 91 – Knowledge of and Faith In)
'God's Promises of Protection '
An Exposition of Psalm 91:14-16 Part 4
Lesson 13***

(Points I. through IV. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

V. The Promised **Protection** of God to Believers of Psalm 91:14-16

(Points A. through F. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

G. God Promises He Will **Answer** the Believer's **Prayers** of Psalm 91:15

(Point 1. and all sub points see previous note sheets)

2. The **Five Primary** Ways in Which God Answers Prayer

a. **Immediate** Affirmative of 2 Ki. 20:1-5; Acts 9:40; 12:3-11; 28:8

b. **Deferred** Affirmative of Gen. 15:2-4 cf Gen. 16:16; Ex. 2:23 – 12:51
Deut. 3:23-26 with Mt. 17:1-3; Neh. 1:1-2:6; Lk. 1:5-13; Philipp. 1:19

1) Moses Request to be Allowed to **Enter** into the Promised Land
cf Duet. 3:23-26 cf Mt. 17:1-3

2) The Prayer of **Abram** cf Gen. 15:2-4

3) A Deferred Affirmative Answer Does Not Means God Is
Ignoring Us or Our **Plight** When He Delays Answering our
Prayers cf Ex. 2:23 – 25; 3:7-10

a) The Phrase: *And it came to pass in the process of time /
Now it came about in the course of those many days*
(N.A.S.B.); Literally Reads in the Hebrew: '*During
those many days*' = the Time After Moses Had Fled from
Egypt to Midian cf Ex. 2:11-15; 4:19; Acts 7:23-34 Which
Covered a Period of **40** Years cf Acts 7:23, 40 cf Ex. 7:7

b) The Word '*Sighed*' / '*Groaned*' (נָחַם); English Transliteration
anach = Conveys the Thought of Expressing Sounds of
Grief and **Pain** cf Psalm 31:10; Jer. 45:3; Ezk. 21:11

- c) 'They Cried' (יָעֲקֹב) English Transliteration zaaq = To Cry Out for **Help**, Implore Someone to **Help** and Is Used for Prayers That Call Upon God for **Help** cf 1 Chr. 5:20; 2 Chr. 18:31; 20:9; 32:20; Neh. 9:14, 28; Psalm 22:5; Psalm 107:13, 19; 142:1, 5; Lam. 3:8; Hosea 8:2; Jonah 1:5; Micah 3:4 There Are Some Instances Where יָעֲקֹב English Transliteration zaaq Is Used Without an Object and Denotes a Sense of Utter **Despair, Hopelessness** Because of the Circumstances cf 2 Sam. 13:19; 19:4
- d) God Heard שָׁמַע English Transliteration (*shamah*): to Hear and **Respond** to cf Gen. 16:11; Ex. 3:7; 6:5; Psalm 31:7; Psalm 145:19
- e) God Remembered זָכַר English Transliteration (*zakar*): This Does Not Mean to Suddenly Recollect or Recall Something Which Had Been Forgotten; It Denotes God Is Taking **Action** to Bring About That Which He Has **Promised** cf Lev. 26:40-45; Psalm 105:8-45; 106:43-48
- f) 'God Looked Upon / Saw' רָאָה English Transliteration (*ra'ah*): Literally Means to See with One's Eyes; Also Used Figuratively with the Sense: 'to take into account, **consider** the **troubles** of others' cf Gen. 31:42; Ex. 4:31; Psalm 10:11
- g) 'God Knew' יָדָע English Transliteration (*yadah*) The Hebrew Word Has Several Senses: in This Context = to Take **Notice** with the Implication That God Would **Take Care** of the Cause of the Israelites Grief, Pain, Despair Which Left Them in a State of Hopelessness
- h) Exodus 3:7-10 God Is Speaking **Directly**: The First Person 'I' Is Used **Six** Times in Verse 7-10
- 'I have surely seen' 3:7
 - 'I have heard' 3:7
 - 'I know' 3:7
 - 'I am come down' 3:8
 - 'I have seen' 3:9
 - 'I will send' 3:10
- : The Six-Fold Repetition of the First Person, Pronoun 'I' Indicates God's **Intense** Personal **Interest** and Active **Involvement** in the Plight of His People
- i) The Words 'My People' Verses 7 and 10 at the Start an End of God's Direct Words Highlight the **Personal Relationship** God Has with the People

- j) Ex. 3:7 Places Added Emphasis to God's *Genuine **Concern*** for the Affliction of His People
- 4) Possible ***Reasons*** Why God Might Delay in Answering Our Prayers
 - a) To Teach Us to ***Trust*** Him cf Prv. 3:5
 - b) To Develop Maturing ***Faith*** cf Mt. 15:21-28; Lk. 18:1-8
 - c) Delayed Answer Brings Greater ***Glory*** to God cf Jn. 11:1-45
 - d) So That We Might Maintain a ***Proper Perspective*** of ***Humility***; and Remember God Is Not Our Servant But He Is The Lord God Holy, Almighty, Who Reigns and Rules over All cf Isa. 6:3; 66:2; Dan. 9:3; Lk. 18:9-14; 1 Tim. 6:15-16; Rev. 4:8; 19:6

Theological and Practical Impact

- 1. Though a Prayer May Not Be Answered Immediately ***Continue Praying*** in Hope of an Answer That Might Be Given at a Later Time
- 2. Remember Though God Might Answer Your Prayer Immediately He Is ***Not*** Ignoring You and Is ***Aware*** of and ***Concerned*** for You
- 3. An Answer ***Delayed*** Is Not an Answer ***Denied***
- 4. If God Delays in Answering a Prayer, Know and Believe It Is in Your ***Best Interest*** and for Your Ultimate Spiritual Well-Being
- 5. Because I ***Know*** God It Is Not Necessary for Me to Know ***Why*** God Has Me Waiting for an Answer to a Prayer
- 6. God's Timing in Answering a Prayer, Will Never Be ***Early*** nor ***Late*** It Will Always Be ***Perfect***