

***The Antidote to
COVID – 19
'Fear of All Things Potentially Harmful'
P91Ko and FI
(Psalm 91 – Knowledge of and Faith In)
An Exposition of Psalm 91
Lesson 4***

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

IV. Believers Are **Promised Protection** of Psalm 91:3-8

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

- F. The *Result* of the *Promises* and *Faithfulness* of God: Believers Are Not to Live in **Fear** of Psalm 91:5-6 :The Hebrew Word Translated 'Afraid' Is : (יָרָא); English Transliteration *yarea*: An **Emotional** Response as the Result of One's Cognitive Interpretation of Things, Circumstances Present and / or Future Which One Perceives as Being a **Threat** to His / Her Safety, Security, Physical, Material, Over-All Well-Being That Can Range from Mild Un-Easiness to Utter Horror of Gen. 18:15; 31:31; 32:8 Ex. 14:10; Deut. 1:29; Josh. 9:24; 1 Sam. 4:7; 15:24; 17:24; 1 Chr. 10:4; 28:20 2 Chr. 20:3; Neh. 2:2 ; 4:8; Job 6:21; 32:6; Psalm 23:4; 49:5; 112:7; 119:120; Eccl. 12:5
1. The Threat to Safety, Security, Well-Being as Presented in This Psalm Is **High** But the Believers Response Is Not to be the Normal Human Emotional Response of **Great Fear**
 2. 'The Terror by / of the Night (פַּחַד) English Transliteration *pachad* Connotes a State of **Intense** and Usually Sudden **Dread** of Job 4:14; Job 22:10-11; Psalm 11:2; Prv. 3:25; Lam. 3:47
 3. 'The Arrow That Flieth by Day' Figurative Language Denoting **Open Hostility** Toward the Believer for the Purpose of Inflicting the Believer with Adversity, Calamity, Distress, Harm of Gen. 49:22-26 (Deut. 32:23 cf Gen. 19:19; 26:9; 31:42; 44:29; Ex. 32:14; Deut. 29:29); Psalm 11:2; Mt. 10:21-22; 24:9; Mk. 13:3; (Lk. 21:12, 17 cf Acts 4:5 - 21 Acts 5:17-42; 6:8-7:60; 13:44-45; Philipp. 1:28-30; 1 Thess. 1:6; 2:14-16; 2 Tim. 4:9-18; Heb. 10:32-34
 4. 'The **Pestilence** / **Plague** That Walks in Darkness'
 - a. A Poetic **Personification** of Psalm 43:3; 77:16; 98:8; Prv. 1:20-21; Isa. 55:12
 - b. *Pestilence / Plague that walks / stalks in Darkness* (דֶּבַר) English Transliteration *deber* and the Feminine Noun (דִּבְרֵיהֶּ) English Transliteration *debareyk* Denotes **Devastation** of Widespread **Death**

cf Ex. 9:3-6, 15; Deut. 28:21; 32:24; 2 Sam. 24:12-15; 1 Chr. 21:12-14; Psalm 78:50; 91:3; Isa. 28:2; Jer. 14:12; 21:6-7, 24:10; 27:8, 13; 38:2; Jer. 42:17, 22; Ezek. 5:12; 6:11-12; 7:15; 14:19, 21; 33:27

- c. *'that walks / stalks in **Darkness**'* Expresses a Danger Which Is **Not Seen** *"Nor for the pestilence that walketh / stalks in darkness. . ."*
the Hebrew Reads: **בְּחֹשֶׁךְ** = be ha 'Opel) Literally *in the darkness*
- 1) The Prepositional Phrase **Precedes** the Verb *'walks / stalks'* and Gives Added **Emphasis** to *'the darkness'*
 - 2) The Hebrew Word Translated *'darkness'* (**חֹשֶׁךְ**) English Transliteration 'obel Denotes **Thick, Heavy** Darkness Which Can Be Used to Enhance the Effectiveness of an Enemy Attack cf Psalm 11:1-2
 - 3) The Word *'darkness'* (**חֹשֶׁךְ**) English Transliteration 'obel Is Used *Figuratively* to Convey the Idea of **Death** and **Gloom** cf Job 10:22 Job 28:3
 - 4) The **Nature** of the Danger Could Be Physical and / or a Mental, Emotional, Psychological and Perhaps Even a Spiritual Attack cf Job 23:15-17
 - 5) The Word *'darkness'* (**חֹשֶׁךְ**) English Transliteration 'obel Is a Poetically Parallel Thought with *'the terror by night'* in Verse 5 Placing a Strong Emphatic **Emphasis** on the Stealth Like Nature and the Believer's Unawareness of the Lurking, Potentially Devastating Danger
 - 6) The **Point** of the Parallel Lines in Verses 5 and 6 *Thou shall not be afraid for the terror by night . . . nor the pestilence that lurks in the darkness* Believers Do Not Have to Live in Fear of the **Unknown**
5. *' . . . nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.'* This Is **Not** Something Different from the *'Pestilence'* (**דֶּבֶר**) English Transliteration *deber* the Hebrew Word Used In Verse 5 and *The Word 'Destruction'* in Verse 6 The Hebrew Word (**קִטְבִּי**) English Transliteration *qeteb* both Words Literally Mean *'a thorn', to sting* cf Hosea 13:14 both Words Are Used in Synonymous Parallelism: *" . . . O death I will be thy plagues* (**דֶּבֶר** = *deber*); *O sheol I will be thy destruction* (**קִטְבִּי** = *qeteb*) and both Words are Used to Denote Diseases, **Epidemics** Which Can Destroy; (**קִטְבִּי**) English Transliteration *qeteb* cf Deut. 32:24 and (**דֶּבֶר**) English Transliteration *deber* cf Deut. 28:21

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