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DWELLING IN THE SECRET PLACE

Psalm 91:1 has been quoted this year probably more than any other psalm. It reads: ***“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.”***

If we break it down, first of all it starts with “He.” The he can be either male or female. That is the qualification. Then we get to the word dwelleth. It comes from the Hebrew word yashab which means so much more than just dwell. It means to remain, to settle, to marry, to abide, to continue, to endure, to establish, habitation, keep house. Think of it. We are to “marry” the one that lives in the Secret Place. Who is that one? It is the Lord, Jesus Christ. We become his soon coming bride when He comes back for His Church – His bride. Then we are to “settle in” and keep house. Think of it my friends. This is so profound. We don’t just live in a house alone anymore. We dwell with “the Most High.” He lives with us and we live with Him.

Then we are to abide there. That word abides is told in Jesus’ parable about abiding in the vine. We get our life from the vine. We are the branches off the vine, but Jesus is the vine.

Then it goes on to say that we abide under the shadow of the Almighty. The shadow comes from the Hebrew word “tsel” which means a shady place, but it also means defense. God is our defense. He is our High Tower. We are protected by His shadow and are safe when we abide with Him in the Secret place. And the word Almighty comes from the Hebrew word “shadday” which means all powerful.

How awesome to know that when we dwell in the Secret place with the Most High that we are protected by God Almighty. I can’t imagine any place that I would rather be. We are protected, loved, cared for, and provided for in that place of habitation.

How do we get to that secret place? First, we receive Jesus as our Savior, then we spend time reading the Bible and getting to know His will. Then we pray and think about him and listen for Him to speak to us by the Holy Spirit or through His word. As we do this, we are dwelling with Him, and will always be safe!