

Our Refuge and Fortress
Psalm 91

Review:

1. God is the One Who delivers us, not governments or scientists.
2. God's deliverance and salvation may be in the next world rather than this one.
3. Because God is with us, we need not fear, regardless of the problems that face us

Go Further – Read Matthew 3:16-4:11

1. Who descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove immediately after He was baptized?
2. What did the Father say about Jesus?
3. According to 4:1, where did the Spirit lead Jesus immediately after this tremendous, affirming experience? What was the express purpose of Jesus' trip?
4. How long did Jesus fast? Have you ever tried to fast before? How did it make you feel?
5. What did Satan tempt Jesus to do in 4:3? What would have been wrong with Jesus doing this?
6. What does 4:4 tell us about Jesus' priorities? How could this sort of perspective help us in our own times of temptation?
7. Why would Satan's idea in 4:5-6 have been tempting for Jesus? How could such a public display of His divine power have changed the course of His life and ministry?
8. In 4:6, Satan quotes from Psalm 91:11-12. How is Satan mistaken in his application of these verses?
9. In 4:7, why does Jesus say He will not display His power in such a way?
10. What does Satan promise Jesus in 4:8-9. Since Jesus deserves all honor and glory, why would this be wrong for Him?
11. How does Jesus respond to Satan's temptation in verse 10? How should Jesus' words inform our own priorities?

Apply:

1. Have you ever had a time of joy and affirmation be followed by a time of difficulty and testing? How does such a change affect the way you felt about God's provision and protection?
2. Have you ever presumed upon God's blessings in order to get something you wanted? Why is that so damaging to your relationship with God?
3. How have you used God's Word to fight against your own temptations? How has God's Word helped you to conquer your fears?