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From the Vicar's Desk

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty” – Psalm 91:1



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

There are so many words that we grow up with that carry with them the definition attached to them by the world. Words (like love, peace, joy, faith) that have worldly meaning that are contradicted by their biblical definition. Psalm 91 provides the basis for understanding the biblical meaning of the protection of the Lord.

The words shelter, Shadow (V.1), refuge, fortress (V.2), pinions, wings, shield, bulwark (V.4) are all examples used to teach something about the nature of God's protection. They all provide cover for all the possible situations we might find need for different levels of protection, whether as a shield, wings or shadow to cover us while on the move, or when we need absolute separation from the world such as fortress and bulwark, or something in between to wait out temporary conditions such as shelter, refuge, and pinions. But all these things must each be sought after and run to in order to be used.

“He who dwells.” - V.1

We're choosing where to live, where to establish our home, in this case in Him. It's implied that we're not choosing to try and live on our own or away from his protection. It speaks of our having to make a choice. People in need of being rescued or protected have to first want the help and then must cooperate with those from whom they're receiving help. Otherwise the rescue or protection efforts won't be successful. When we speak of God's protection, we need to know that He provides cover when we seek Him, He is faithful, never letting us down, He delivers us from this world's traps. We sometimes believe we can go anywhere, do anything, and we will still be protected by God. We need to characterize ourselves as running towards god's shelter or away.

“Taking refuge in the world rather than in God”. - Verse 5-10.

What do all these activities (terror by night, pestilence that stalks in darkness, destruction that lays waste at noon, evil, plague) have in common? They are all the results of sin, the judgments and consequences that come upon those that choose a worldly lifestyle. They are the ultimate results of someone taking refuge in the world rather than God. We may ask, “Is dwelling in God's refuge a guarantee of protection against anything and everything bad? No, there may be physical hardships, test and trials – all of which are designed to toughen us spiritually, but more importantly there is the protection that results from living a life that embraces God's righteousness while rejecting sin. The consequences of sin will not befall those who cling to the protection of His ways. The most important ‘peace’ in life is being free of sin and sinful behavior. The question is do we assess ‘protection’ as to whether we're getting what we want or living like we should?”

“Heavenly resources” – V.11-13

These verses summarize the teaching about God's protection. God provides additional resources for protection that we can't see. How do these heavenly resources fit in with the previous passage? They're both discussing spiritual warfare, both in the visible realm and the invisible. The war between God and Satan is for our soul, not our life as it subsists on this earth, but rather whether we attain to thesecond life.

"Different perspective". - V.14 – 16.

The previous verses spoke in the 3rd person; here it is God personally speaking in the 1st person 'I.' the three things referring to us which provide a definition for what it means to seek His shelter and protection are: 1, he has loved me(V.14); 2, he has known my name(V.14); 3, he will call upon me(V.15).

God's personal response to those who seek His protection :

- 1, I will deliver him (V.14)
- 2, I will set him securely on high (V.14)
- 3, I will answer him (V.15)
- 4, I will be with him in trouble (V.16)
- 5, I will rescue him and honor him (V.15)
- 6, With a long life will I satisfy him (v.16)
- 7, I will let him see my salvation (V.16)

The Psalmist began this as a testimony or teaching, but it ended with God's personal commentary. The question is, "Does this give us more courage to let go the things of this world for the things that lead to his protection?" As we plan our vacation let us do it wisely and creatively so that we might always be under His protection. – Sam Achen.

SCHEDULED FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

Parish Mission

Prayer Meetings will held from **7:30PM** every Thursday

Sunday School

Will resume in August

Malayalam Choir

Choir Practice will be held from **9:30AM** every Sunday

English Choir

English Choir practice sessions will be held from **1:00PM** on alternate Sunday
after Holy Communion service

Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer will be held at Parsonage every Friday from **10 AM – 1 PM**

Bible study

Every Sunday from **9:45 – 10.20 AM**

Malayalam Class

Every Sunday immediately after the service

June Area Prayer Meetings

| | | |
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| June 13 (Sat) | Mr. Mathew Abraham | CAR |
| June 21 (Sun) | Mr. Saju Lukose | CAR |
| Prayer group contact | | |
| Carrollton: Mr. Merin Samuel AFW: Mr. Abraham George Garland/ Mesquite : Mr. Ginu George Irving : Mr. Renji George | | |

Church Calendar Events

| Mar Thoma Church of Dallas, Carrollton 2015 Calendar | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Yuvajana Sakhyam soccer tournament | June | 6 |
| Sunday School Competitions | June | 13-14 |
| Fathers Day | June | 15 |
| Diocesan clergy family conference | June | 30-7/1 |
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| Diocesan Assembly | July | 2 |
| Diocesan Family Conference | July | 2-5 |
| South East Region Junior / Senior Conference | July | 16-19 |
| Vacation Bible School | July | 23-25 |
| KECF Convention | July | TBD |
| 12th Diocesan Conference of MTVEA in Houston | July | 23-26 |
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| First Day of Sunday School and Dedication | August | 2 |
| Sunday School regional competition @ Immanuel | August | 8 |
| National Youth Fellowship Conference | August | TBC |
| Youth Men's / Women's retreat | August | TBC |
| Youth Sports Tournament in OKC | August | 14-15 |
| Sunday School Anniversary / First day of school dedication | August | 16 |
| Parish convention | August | 21-23 |
| Parish Day & 39th Church Anniversary | August | 23 |
| Church Family Retreat | August | 28-30 |

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June Birthdays

| DATE | NAME | AREA | DATE | NAME | AREA |
|------|--------------------------|------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| 1 | Mr. Nebin Mathew Luke | CAR | 14 | Mr. Joshua Raju Mathew | GAR |
| 1 | Mrs. Susan Koshy | CAR | 14 | Ms. Julia Susan Mathew | CAR |
| 2 | Mrs. Aleyamma Samuel | MES | 17 | Ms. Nithy Abraham | CAR |
| 2 | Mrs. Annamma Abraham | MES | 17 | Ms. Sincy Kurian | AFW |
| 2 | Mr. John Korah | IRV | 18 | Mr. Christopher Abraham | CAR |
| 2 | Mrs. Saramma Chacko | IRV | 18 | Ms. Meaghan Chacko | AFW |
| 3 | Mrs. Shiney John | CAR | 19 | Mrs. Susan George | CAR |
| 3 | Mrs. Sudha Wilson | CAR | 20 | Mr. Benjamin Abraham | AFW |
| 4 | Ms. Rini Susan Mathew | CAR | 21 | Ms. Abigail Sarah Thomas | CAR |
| 4 | Ms. Sneha Mathew | CAR | 21 | Rev. Roy Thomas | GAR |
| 5 | Mr. Bobby Thomas | AFW | 22 | Ms. Jemimah | OTH |
| 5 | Ms. Grace Ann Chacko | MES | 22 | Mr. Lukose Mathai | CAR |
| 6 | Mr. Rohit Varghese | CAR | 22 | Mr. Steven V George | CAR |
| 6 | Mr. Siby Sam Mathew | MES | 23 | Mr. Shibu Koshy | CAR |
| 7 | Ms. Sheba Sara Jacob | CAR | 25 | Ms. Naya Marie Samuel | CAR |
| 7 | Mrs. Sheeba Jacob | CAR | 25 | Mrs. Suja Mathew | MES |
| 8 | Mr. Manoj Pappen | CAR | 26 | Mr. Abey Mathew | MES |
| 10 | Mr. Arly John | IRV | 26 | Mr. Babu A Geevarghese | MES |
| 11 | Mr. Abraham P Mathew | CAR | 26 | Mrs. Pratibha John | CAR |
| 11 | Mr. Jacob K Mathai | CAR | 27 | Mr. Jimmy Mathews | GAR |
| 11 | Mr. Jiji Johns | AFW | 28 | Mrs. Amy George | GAR |
| 11 | Mrs. Shobha Reju | AFW | 28 | Ms. Jesna Sajju | CAR |
| 11 | Mr. Thomas Mathew | AFW | 28 | Ms. Nikitha Kurian | IRV |
| 12 | Mrs. Bindu Anny Eapen | IRV | 28 | Mrs. Rachel Mathew | GAR |
| 13 | Mr. Abraham Mathew | MES | 29 | Ms. Priya Abigail Alexander | IRV |
| 13 | Mr. Lijo Varghese John | AFW | 29 | Mr. Robin Joseph Varughese | CAR |
| 13 | Mr. Pat Thomas Alexander | IRV | 30 | Ms. Riya Mary Raji | CAR |
| 14 | Ms. Jaicey Thomas | MES | | | |

June Wedding Anniversaries

| DATE | NAME | AREA |
|------|---|------|
| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Aby Jacob | CAR |
| 1 | Mr. & Mrs. Shaji S Ramapuram | IRV |
| 3 | Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Kaniyampuzhakkal | CAR |
| 6 | Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Mathews | GAR |
| 9 | Mr. & Mrs. Reju P. Rajan | AFW |
| 12 | Mr. & Dr. Vinu Simon | GAR |
| 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Cherian Mathew | MES |
| 15 | Mr. & Mrs. Renji George | IRV |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Benoy C Abraham | AFW |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Merin John Samuel | CAR |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Biju P Mathew | CAR |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Sterling A Thomas | OTH |
| 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Vinu John | GAR |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Chacko P Thomas | CAR |
| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Lalu T Mathew | MES |
| 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Benoy Thomas | CAR |
| 22 | Mr. & Mrs. Ginu George | MES |
| 22 | Mr. & Mrs. Jacob John | CAR |
| 22 | Mr. & Mrs. Joy Thomas | MES |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Johni Mannamthalakkal Mathai | CAR |
| 25 | Mr. & Mrs. Alex M Alexander | IRV |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Prakash Abraham | CAR |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Shaji Philip | AFW |

June Lectionary

| Date | Lessons | Epistle-Gospels |
|---|---|-------------------|
| 7 Sunday | Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM | |
| Students Sunday - Wisdom from Above | | |
| | 1 Kings 3:16-28 | Phil. 4: 4-9 |
| | Jam.1: 1-8 | St.Luke.10:21-24 |
| 14 Sunday | Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM | |
| Creation proclaims Glory of God- Environment Sunday | | |
| | Prov. 8:22-31 | Phil.1: 9-20 |
| | Rev. 21:1-8 | St. Luke 8:22-25 |
| 21 Sunday | Holy Communion Service [English] @ 10:30AM | |
| Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit | | |
| | Isa.6: 1-8 | 2 Thes.2: 13-17 |
| | 1John.5: 1-12 | St. John 4:13-26 |
| 28 Sunday | Holy Communion Service [Malayalam] @ 10:30AM | |
| Cost of Discipleship | | |
| | Dan. 6:11-23 | 2 Cor. 6:11-18 |
| | Heb. 11:23-40 | St. Mark 10:35-45 |

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