

Psalm 91

Crisis Or Christ

Definitions: **CRISIS** 1. a condition of **instability** or **danger**, as in **social, economic, political, or international affairs**, leading to a **decisive change**. 2. a dramatic **emotional** or **circumstantial upheaval** (*strong or violent change or disturbance, as in a society*) in a person's life.

Read **Psalm 91**

I. **Consequences of sin** (vv. 3,5-8,10,12-13)

A. According to the verses above, what are some consequences of sin?

- a. **Snares** v.3 (*From Satan, the flesh and the world*) Ephesians 2:1-3, James 1:13-15
- b. **Death** v.3 (*From God because of sin*) Genesis 2:15-17
- c. **Fear** v.5 (*From sin because of God's judgement*) Genesis 3:8-10
- d. **Pestilence** v.3,6 (*From God for disobedience*) Exodus 9:1-7
- e. **Destruction** v.6 (*From God because of sin*) Deuteronomy 32:9-25
- f. **Judgment** v.8 (*Just penalty from God for sin*) Galatians 6:7, 2Corinthians 5:10
- g. **Plagues** v.10 (*Chastening and judgment from God for sin*) Psalm 39:8-11
- h. **Attacks** v.13 (*From God because of sin*) Genesis 9:5-6

B. Do calamities always come directly from God? **No** Micah 2:3 Job 1:9-19 Isaiah 45:5-7

C. Who are some other instruments of calamity?

- a. **Satan** Job 1:9-19
- b. **Angels** Genesis 19:1,13
- c. **Nations** Amos 6:14 Jeremiah 21:7

II. The Comfort & Assurance Of The Almighty

(Hebrews 1:3 Colossians 1:15-17 Psalm 22:28, 103:19-22 Daniel 4:35,37 1Chronicles 29:11 Romans 8:31)

A. According to the verses above, can anything or anyone, of it's own will and or power, do anything to us? **No** Why? **Because nothing and no one is autonomous. All things are created by God's sovereign power, exist to fulfill His sovereign will, are sustained by the word of His power and are governed by His determinate will to cause everything to act together to fulfill His unchangeable purpose. Simplified, no one or thing has the ability to screw up God's plan for anything or anyone**.**

B. What would be confirmed about one's god if the statement above were not true about him? **He is an idol because anyone or anything short of God and in place of God is an idol, not God.***** What would it say about that god's promises? **There is no way that god could be sure to keep them, being he is created.** How might one act with such a god? **Worried, uncertain, fearful, ultimately delusional, aggressive, etc.**

C. In the depths of our crisis, how does the answer about God in question "A" bring comfort and assurance to the believer in Him? **It lets us know even the most violent of changes in our lives are under God's control. And we can rest on His promises because He is able to perform them far beyond our expectations, abilities or even imagination.** *Isaiah 46:9-1, 54:16-17 1 Jerimiah 29:11 Isaiah 55:8-11 Romans 4:20-25 2Timothy 1:12*

D. T or **F** Satan is so powerful, he could have touched all Job had whenever he wanted and even taken his life. Why? **Satan considered destroying Job but could not because God is infinitely more powerful than Satan and protected Job and all he had.** *Job 1:9-12*

E. Satan also had no **authority** to do anything to Job without God's **permission**. In fact God never allowed Satan to take Job's **life** or keep him oppressed for his **lifetime**. God not only kept Job's body from Satan's destruction but also his **trust** in God. *Matthew 28:18-20 1Peter 3:21-22 1John 4:4 Jude 24-25 Job 1:20-22, 2:3, 42:10-13*

**Dr. R.C. Sproul has a famous saying, "If there is one maverick molecule in the universe then God is no longer sovereign"

***Dr. David Jeremiah told the story of preaching on the fiery judgment of God called hell and afterwards a lady came up to him after the service and said, "I don't believe that, my god would never send anyone to a place like that" much to her surprise Dr. Jeremiah responded, "I agree, your God would never send anyone to hell because your god does not exist."