



RCCG LSP HOME CONNECT

Prayer & Intercession

Don't Stop Praying in Hard Times

At a Glance

BIG IDEA

When pressure rises, the temptation is to stop praying—but Scripture points the other way. God reigns over kings, circumstances, and every obstacle, and His power is not limited by what we see. This study traces biblical reasons to keep praying with confidence, seeking God as refuge and trusting His authority to answer.

PRIMARY PASSAGES

Jeremiah 32:27

Luke 1:37

Matthew 28:18

John 14:14

Psalms 91:1

Proverbs 18:10

Key Takeaways

- Don't stop praying; God is the God of all flesh and nothing is too hard for Him (Jeremiah 32:27).
- Pray with faith that God's word stands: nothing is impossible with Him (Luke 1:37).
- Keep praying because all authority belongs to Jesus, so no situation is outside His rule (Matthew 28:18).
- Run to God as refuge—dwelling with Him and calling on His name brings safety and stability (Psalms 91:1; Proverbs 18:10).
- God can govern outcomes and turn hearts, including those in power, according to His will (Proverbs 21:1; Daniel 4:32).
- Prayer is not weak because God is not weak: power belongs to God, and He can keep you in trouble (Psalms 62:11; Psalms 27:5).

Introduction

Psalm 91:1 presents a promise of security: those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High will abide under the shadow of the Almighty. This study explores who the Most High and the Almighty are, what the “secret place” means, and how God’s shadow speaks of real protection for those who belong to Him—especially in dangerous and uncertain times.

Scripture Reading

- **Psalm 91:1** — The central text: dwelling in God’s secret place leads to abiding under His shadow—language of intimacy, refuge, and ongoing protection.
- **Ecclesiastes 5:8** — Affirms that above every “high” authority there is One higher—the Most High.
- **Isaiah 66:1** — God’s rule is absolute: heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool.
- **Daniel 4:32; Proverbs 21:1** — God rules in the affairs of people and can direct the hearts of kings and leaders.
- **Psalm 27:5** — God has a “secret place” where He hides His people in trouble.
- **Proverbs 18:10** — The secret place is not a physical location; it is found in the Name of the LORD—a strong tower for the righteous.
- **Psalm 62:11; Jeremiah 32:27; Luke 1:37; Matthew 28:18; John 14:14** — The Almighty is the One with all power; nothing is too hard for Him. Jesus declares all authority is His and invites prayer in His Name.
- **Psalm 17:8; Psalm 36:7; Psalm 121:5-8** — God’s “shadow” is pictured as the shadow of His wings and as the LORD Himself being our shade—assuring preservation as we go out and come in.

Scripture Reading (cont.)

- **Proverbs 21:31** — Human preparations matter, but ultimate safety is from the LORD.

Key Points

1. There is a real “Most High”: God is higher than the highest and rules over all earthly authority (Ecclesiastes 5:8; Isaiah 66:1; Daniel 4:32).
2. Prayer matters because God governs human affairs; stopping prayer would expose how much restraint and mercy God has been granting (Daniel 4:32; Proverbs 21:1).
3. The “secret place” is not a geographical hiding spot; it is relational access to God—running into the Name of the LORD for refuge (Psalm 27:5; Proverbs 18:10).
4. The Name emphasized for rescue is Jesus: calling on Him in sudden danger demonstrates where one’s trust truly rests (Proverbs 18:10; Matthew 28:18).

Key Points (cont.)

5. The Almighty has unlimited power: what people label “impossible” is not impossible with God, and Jesus authorizes prayer in His Name (Psalm 62:11; Jeremiah 32:27; Luke 1:37; John 14:14).

6. God’s “shadow” is an unseen but effective covering—pictured as wings/shade—under which God’s people place their trust (Psalm 17:8; Psalm 36:7; Psalm 121:5-8).

Group Discussion

Tip: Use these questions to guide the group from seeing → understanding → applying.

Observation

- In Psalm 91:1, what two actions/conditions are described (“dwelleth” and “shall abide”), and what result is promised?
- From the passages cited (Ecclesiastes 5:8; Isaiah 66:1; Daniel 4:32; Proverbs 21:1), what do we learn about God’s position relative to human power?
- According to Psalm 27:5 and Proverbs 18:10, what images describe God’s protection, and how are they different from a physical hiding place?
- In Psalm 121:5-8, what daily-life movements are specifically covered by God’s protection?

Interpretation

- What does it practically mean to “dwell” in God’s secret place rather than visit occasionally? What habits or loyalties are implied?
- Why is relying on the Name of the LORD (Proverbs 18:10) presented as more reliable than being near a particular location?
- How does the parable of the three fishes clarify the difference between seeking advantages (like special abilities) and seeking God’s presence (“wherever I go, you go with me”)?

Interpretation (cont.)

- How do Jesus' statements in Matthew 28:18 and John 14:14 connect Him to the “Almighty” and to the believer’s confidence in prayer?

Application

- When sudden trouble happens, what usually comes out of your mouth first—fear, self-reliance, or prayer? What does that reveal about what you have been ‘storing’ in your heart?
- List any ‘backup protections’ you are tempted to trust (connections, money, rituals, charms, reputation). What would it look like to renounce those as ultimate security and rely on God’s shadow?
- Identify one area currently labeled “impossible” in your life. Based on Jeremiah 32:27 and Luke 1:37, how will you pray differently this week?
- The teaching urged continued prayer, including prayers about dangers such as storms, floods, and fire outbreaks. What specific risks are common where you live, and how can your group pray consistently and concretely about them?

Application (cont.)

- If you are a believer: what daily practice will help you ‘abide under the shadow’ (Psalm 91:1)—Scripture meditation, calling on Jesus in prayer, obedience, joining believers for support? Choose one and set a plan.
- If you are not yet surrendered to Christ: what is holding you back from becoming God’s child and seeking His covering? What question do you need answered before you yield?

Prayer Focus

- Lord, teach me to dwell in Your presence and not visit You only in crisis.
- Jesus, I submit to Your authority and ask in Your Name with faith and obedience.
- Father, be my refuge and covering; deliver me from fear and false securities.
- God Almighty, strengthen my perseverance to pray through pressure until Your will is done.

Next Step

Choose one “impossible” burden and pray over it daily in Jesus’ Name, explicitly trusting God’s power and taking refuge in Him rather than in substitutes.

Conclusion

God is the Most High—greater than every authority—and He is the Almighty—unlimited in power. His protection is pictured as a shadow and a refuge, accessed not by geography but by dwelling with Him and running into His Name. The call is to rely on Jesus Christ, continue in prayer, and live under God’s covering as the truest security in dangerous times.