

My Dear Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 91:14 - "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; / I will set him on high, because he has known My Name."

Psalm 91 is divided into two sections. Vv 1-13 state the the LORD provides protection for us His children. Ps 91 ends with vv 14-16 stating that the LORD pledges His protection to us His children. So far in the psalm, the human author has been speaking; but now, God Himself speaks to us. This section gives us our responsibility, but it also shows us God's responsibility when we do our part.

Our first responsibility is to love the LORD. Loving the LORD is the greatest commandment of all. In Deut. 7:7 and 1 John 4:19, it says that God made the commitment of loving us first before we ever loved Him. This word for "love" in Hebrew is the word for "deep longing or clinging to; choosing to set your grip upon." It's much like hanging on to something for dear life because you know that if you lost your grip, you'd be a goner! We're to "hang on" to the LORD with a commitment of love this way.

Our second responsibility is to know the LORD's Name. It's not just knowing that we call Him "LORD" or "God," but there must be some knowledge about what those Names mean (and His other Names), and that the meaning of those Names are applied to my thinking and my heart; that is the thing that will bring rest to our souls.

Job 19:27; Job says that his Redeemer lives, and that he will see His Redeemer, and not a stranger. Is God a stranger to you? Job says that God has not been a stranger to Job, and Job will not be a stranger to God. Is your relationship with God like a relationship with a stranger? God wants a closer relationship with Him than that. Jeremiah 9:24 says that let him who boasts, boast in the fact that he understands and knows God. Not just knowing facts about God, but actually knowing God. What comes to your mind when you think about God is the single most important thing about you, said A. W. Tozer. He's right. What comes to your mind when you think about God? Do you often think that He will never forsake though troubles come upon us?

God promises His part of the deal. He promises to give blessings to His people. God promises to deliver us and securely set us on high. God does this by setting us close to Himself in close fellowship, and clear insight from our Bible reading, which gives some conquering triumph in our lives. Are you experiencing that conquering triumph over the trials of life? If not, perhaps you need to review your responsibilities in this verse.

Praying for you today, my loved ones.