

# *Who is the Father? The Roles of the Father*



## Scripture

- Psalm 91:1-

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the **LORD**, “My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!” for it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and a bulwark. You will not be afraid of the terror by night or of the arrow that flies by day; of the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or of the destruction that lays waste at noon. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand, but it shall not approach you.

## Other Scriptures

- John 14:18
- Genesis 1:27
- Exodus 33:18
- John 5:26
- Acts 7:54-60

## Main Points

- Roles of the father
  - Give life
  - Protect
- The life of the Father flows to us through the Son.
- Hebrew Rachum (feminine word) in English means compassionate.
- We are depending on the Father even as Jesus depended on the Father.

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- We can have life in ourselves from the Father by depending on the Son for the Father's life.
- In Jesus you are protected by the Father.
- In Psalm 91, most Bibles replace God's sacred name יהוה (Yahweh) with Lord.
- God is faithful to you because He is your Father, and He loves you.
- We relate to God as Father by depending on Him to protect us.
- Father will always be faithful to you!

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Does knowing the bonafide roles (life and protection) our Father produce faith or fear in you? How has your provision or lack of an earthly Father fulfilling these roles given you understanding or lack of understanding about these truths? Are you willing to ask God to give you what you need in this area?
2. Psalm 91 is a powerful Psalm reminding us of the faithfulness and willingness of God to protect us. If you are looking for a passage of Scripture to commit to memory this would be a great choice. Why not begin to memorize the first several verses of the passage and continue to add on to your memory. Rabbi talked about Stephen, the first martyr of the new church, as an example of how God helped during the crisis—the ending of his earthly life. Are there current events in your life in which you need to be encouraged that God will not abandon you?
3. How does knowing about Father bring strength and security to you today?