



**Sermon Series:** A Name Like No Other

**To be used with Session 5:** The Protection of God's Name

**Sermon Possibilities:** The Only Sure Thing

**Scripture:** Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16

**Connection To Unit Theme:** To complement the Bible study "A Name Like No Other," this sermon will show that God's name is the only thing we can fully and truly depend on. There is power and protection in His name. People namedrop all the time, but in each situation, there are taking a chance - Why? Because every human can let us down. Every person can fail. Their name will only take them and you so far. However, God's name is synonymous with power. He has an inability to fail! Everything about God is perfect, thereby surpassing any and every other name, concept, entity or idea.

**Introduction:** In Psalm 91, the psalmist writes about the assurance of God's protection. Unlike the lottery, we're not taking a chance when we depend on God to protect us. We're trusting a sure thing when we depend on God to protect us. This is something that He has promised to do, and God follows through on His word. Life comes with all kinds of difficulties and struggles; Christ told us they it would be this way (John 16:33). But one thing we know for sure, is that God is greater than them all.

**1. Divine Protector (Psalm 91:1-6).**

As helpful as bodyguards can be sometimes, there are dangers that even the best bodyguard can't prevent. For example, when the text says that God will deliver us from the snare of the fowler, snare is another name for a trap, and a fowler is one who hunts birds. Therefore, the writer is comparing our enemies to bird hunters who lay traps for the birds they hope to capture. In a likewise manner our enemy lays traps or snares in hopes of capturing us, but God! God is our deliverer and will keep us safe from traps. He will make sure that we don't get caught in those traps! The text says that God will keep us from the "perilous pestilence." That word, perilous, which is derived from the word peril, simply means dangerous and pestilence simply means a deadly sickness or disease. God will protect us from traps, attacks, sickness and pain. This is why divine protection is much better than any bodyguard!

**2. Divine Orders (Psalm 91:9-13).**

The Psalmist declares in verse 11 of Psalm 91, "*For he will give his angels orders concerning you, to protect you in all your ways.*" God has instructed His Angels to protect us and cover us. It is their job to make sure nothing happens to us outside of God's will. We

may experience difficulties and pain, but the fact remains all day and nights the angels are watching over us. They have been given the assignment, they understand the assignment, and they successfully carry it out. God promises that when we take refuge in God, He will give His Angels specific orders to look after children. This is not a gamble, nor is it a risk, it is a sure thing!

### **3. Divine Benefits (Psalm 91:14-16).**

As Psalm 91 draws to a close, God, through the writer, promises guaranteed benefits to those that are devoted to Him. In verses 14-16, He promises to answer those who call, be with us times in trouble, rescue and give honor, as well as satisfy them with long life. The only requirement that the writer lists is devotion. Those who desire to receive these benefits must be and remain devoted to God. Given all that the promise entails, it sounds like an easy decision. No other person can deliver these types of benefits, despite their tendency to promise them.

**Conclusion:** People take a chance on the lottery in order to reap the benefits that come with a lottery win. However, while millions of people try regularly, only a select few have benefitted from a lottery win...and even then, those benefits run out eventually. When we receive God's benefits, those are guaranteed! Everyone can receive them through faith in Christ. We are not taking a chance nor are we taking a gamble when we put our trust in Him. We are signing up to receive guaranteed benefits. God's healing, peace, grace and mercy are guaranteed! This is the only sure thing and what makes His name a name like no other!