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“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.” ⇨ Psalm 91:1. This wonderful Psalm rejoices in the **powerful comfort** God gives to us, His beloved Bride of Christ. Meditate on the literal Hebrew word definitions of Psalm 91:1 below; think about experiencing each one as you read through:

- ♥ he who **dwells**: sits, remains, marries.
- ♥ in the **secret place**: cover, *root word*: hide.
- ♥ of the **most high**: elevation, lofty, supreme.
- ♥ shall **abide**: stop, stay.
- ♥ in the **shadow**: shade, *root word*: hover to shade.
- ♥ of the **almighty**: *root word*: be burly, powerful, impregnable, ravage.

Now consider a theoretical interpretation based on the literal Hebrew word definitions:

- ♥ **Whoever remains covered by the supreme shall stay shaded by the powerful.**

As God is the supreme One over Christians, the Bride of Christ, *so* He designed each **husband to be the powerful one who protects his wife**. This helps explain Scriptures such as ⇨ Ephesians 5 and 1 Peter 3 regarding husbands and wives attitudes and actions.

It is important to remember that God owns everything and Hollywood owns nothing. God invented **masculinity to be spiritual**, then also emotional and physical. Adam failed the masculinity test by seeing but not **protecting** Eve from the serpent ⇨ Genesis 3:6. Every wife does best when covered by her husband who is **spiritually powerful**. Many cultures have established Biblically *incorrect* definitions of masculinity and femininity.

A husband and wife have the exciting privilege of integrating Scripture vertically with God *plus* horizontally with each other. **Some personal examples**: as the Bride of Christ, we worship God individually *and* together; we study Scripture individually *and* together; we encourage each other with Scriptures to help our marriage resemble our relationship with God; we fast and pray individually *and* as a couple. We are often intimately close during prayer, just as we are with God. We want Jesus to be Lord of *all* of our life, and we have found that relating to God as two who became one builds our *own* intimacy, too!

Such three-way intimacy is not sacrilege but is authored by God. Ecclesiastes 3:4-5 ⇨ teaches us that certain human activities have appropriate times (dancing, embracing, etc.). Some aspects of intimacy remain private ⇨ Song Of Solomon 8:2-3; others are debatable ⇨ Song Of Solomon 8:1, Genesis 26:8; and others can be public ⇨ Proverbs 30:19. Spiritual intimacy is also both private ⇨ Matthew 6:5-6 and public 2 Chronicles 20:3-13.

**Why even discuss this? Godly intimacy protects us from evil!** Because satan, the former worship leader of Heaven itself, *knows this*, he goes about seeking to pervert Godly intimacy however he can. **Legalism** is a perversion which hinders intimacy with the Holy Spirit *and* in Christian marriages. All these **demonic sermons** are woven into all types of media ⇨ 1 Timothy 4:1, and **directly oppose** Godly masculinity and femininity.

Stay under **bridal protection** as the Bride of Christ and as the bride of your husband; also provide **bridal protection** as the husband of your bride!!! ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone