

**Title:** Under the Shadow of His Wings

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**Opening Scripture:** Psalm 91:1

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*"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."*

## **A Season of Overshadowing**

We step into this gathering with hearts full of thanksgiving, acknowledging the liberty of the Spirit that has been present throughout this season. What we're doing today is not a continuation of ministry in the usual sense, but a tying up, a clarifying, and a response to questions that have arisen from previous teachings. We have been in a divine series called *"The Overshadowing"* — a time when God has chosen to draw His people near, to cover them, and to impart strength that shortens journeys that would have taken years. This is God's prerogative, not ours. He overshadowed Mary and deposited within her the divine; so also, He overshadows us in this time.

## **Two Foundational Questions**

Two key questions shape today:

1. How do I practically address divinations and enchantments in my life? Is it just by prayer?
2. If Numbers 23:23 says, *"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel"*, why then do believers still experience such?

These questions arise from last week's focus: **Combating Divinations and Enchantments**. This warfare is real, but its battleground is specific: *under the shadow of His wings*. This isn't a metaphor. It is a realm, an estate, the dwelling place of God's presence.

## **Dwelling in the Presence**

Revelation describes a promise: *"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out"* (Revelation 3:12). This is not about visiting God's presence; it is about abiding in it. It is the reality of becoming a carrier of the ark, not just visiting where the

ark resides. This presence is tangible and active. Just as Gabriel said, *"I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God"*, even while on earth, we are called to stand in His presence continuously.

### **The Nature of Enchantment and Divination**

These powers are ancient, tracing back to the antediluvian world. They are makeshift powers, born of corrupted spiritual knowledge. They operate through spells, potions, poisonous words—all tools of darkness. Yet, they are inferior powers. God is the *Father of spirits*, the origin and authority over all spiritual beings, even the highest ranks of principalities and powers. Our source is higher, and that is why enchantments should have no legal hold over us.

But why do they still succeed sometimes? Scripture answers: *"Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men"* (Psalm 82:6-7). A son of God, operating in ignorance or spiritual childishness, can become vulnerable. The hedge is broken, and the serpent bites. In Acts 16, the girl with the python spirit gave accurate prophecies, but Paul discerned and cast it out—because he operated from a higher authority.

### **Our Response: Abide and Speak**

To dwell under His shadow is to:

- Be conscious of the divine presence.
- Grow in the Word: read, study, meditate, pray, and confess.
- Recognize that God's Word is not casual. Just one verse, believed and spoken, can break chains.

### **The Word of God is Power**

Scripture declares, *"By the word of the Lord were the heavens made"* (Psalm 33:6). Ten sayings formed the universe. The sun and moon hang in obedience, sustained by His Word. This same Word is given to us. It must become the supreme authority in our lives.

Jesus overcame temptation by standing on the Word. *"It is written..."* was His reply to every attack. We must do likewise. Whether it's reading our Bible, listening to audio scriptures, or covering our homes with verses—let the Word enter us by any means. This stirs hunger, and hunger leads to revelation.

### **Practical Tools: Fivefold Word Engagement**

1. **Reading:** Consistent, daily intake.
2. **Study:** Intentional, deep digging into themes.
3. **Meditation:** Holding the Word in your mind, allowing the Spirit to breathe on it.
4. **Prayer:** Pray the Word back to God.
5. **Confession:** Declare the Word over your life.

The more we engage, the more grace is released. The Word becomes tangible, effective, and active.

### **Speaking the Word in Battle**

Divination is persistent, always speaking. So must we be. Speak the Word until the burden lifts, until the altar breaks, until the atmosphere shifts. Jesus is described in Revelation with a sword proceeding from His mouth. We also war with words.

### **Building Spiritual Altars**

An altar is a memorial, a place of spiritual remembrance. Genesis 13 shows Abraham building an altar after receiving a word. We must do the same. Document every divine word. Revisit it. Pray over it. Keep it fresh.

### **Keys to Sustaining the Presence**

- Double down on every word you receive.
- Don't run ahead of God. *Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*
- Cap every breakthrough with **thanksgiving**.

- Identify and destroy spiritual tokens that give divination ground (bitterness, disobedience, etc.).

### **You Cannot Be Cursed**

In Numbers 23, Balaam attempted to curse Israel but was forced to bless them. Why? God had not cursed them, and therefore no one else could. God said, *"He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel"* (v. 21). These were the same Israelites rebelling in the wilderness! Still, God saw righteousness. That is divine covering.

### **Final Exhortation: Clean Hands and Pure Heart**

Psalms 24 asks, *"Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?"* The answer: *"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart..."* God calls us to purity, sincerity, and focus. Stay in your lane. Do your part. Serve with clean hands. Don't trade your divine pattern for imitation.

Jesus fulfilled this completely. He ascended with clean hands and pure heart. We follow Him.

Let us therefore dwell under the shadow of the Almighty. The time is now. God is here. Rise in boldness. Speak the Word. Build altars. Stay in His presence. Walk in the overshadowing.

Amen.