

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON – 11th OCTOBER 2020

PROTECTED IV

TEXT Psalm 91:1-16

MEMORY VERSE Psalm 91:14 NIV "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him; for he acknowledges my name."

OR

Psalm 91:14 "I will protect him; for he knows my name."

STORY – I HAVE PEACE

It was night and Eze's mum left Eze's room after tucking him in for the night. She switched off the light in his room, but the light from the corridor ensured that his room was not in darkness. Eze tried to sleep, but he couldn't. This was the first time he was sleeping on his own. He used to sleep with his sister. He was imagining all sorts of things: monsters under his bed, creatures coming in through his window, being abandoned and everyone going out. He couldn't take it any longer. He got up from bed, left his room and went to his sister's room. Her room was just opposite his. He didn't bother to knock. He just entered. He found his sister fast asleep. He woke her up.

"What's the problem, Eze?" Nneka asked with sleep still in her eyes.

"I can't sleep. I'm scared." Eze replied softly.

"Scared of what?" Nneka asked confused.

"It's as if there are all sort of creatures in my room."

Nneka hugged her brother for a few seconds and then looked at him in the eye. You have forgotten one very important thing. God is with you. Even if there were strange creatures around your room, which there aren't, he would protect you. Psalm 91:1 and 5 says that because you dwell in the secret place of God you will not fear the terror by night. The Bible also lets us know that God gives unto his beloved, sweet sleep. Let's go to your room. We'll talk to God about the way you are feeling and we will confess his word."

Eze reluctantly followed Nneka back to his room. He got back in bed but he still wasn't feeling okay. Nneka sat down on the side of his bed and held his hand. They prayed together and confessed God's word. This time God's word sank into Eze's heart and he had peace. He closed his eyes with a smile on his face and within minutes he was fast asleep.

At another part of town Dan Ladi got into bed. His troubled heart was now at rest. He knew the Bible had told him to be anxious for nothing, but what he had been seeing at home had not been pleasant. His mother had been depressed, but just that morning she had come back from her appointment with the clinical psychologist looking very happy. She had not wanted to go before, and he had missed her warm smile and high five when he was going to school and when he returned home. Today she had given him a high five and that had made him feel so good. The second reason why he was at peace was that he remembered the scripture in Psalm 91:10 where God had said no plague will come near his dwelling. God had confirmed his word. The COVID-19 test his brother had been told to take had come out negative. Dan Ladi thanked God for his word and his presence and soon after he fell asleep.

QUESTIONS

1. Who thought there were monsters in his room?
2. Who had to take the COVID-19 test?
3. Why had Dan Ladi been troubled?
4. What was Eze doing for the first time that made him feel afraid?
5. What two things did Eze and Nneka do in Eze's room that helped Eze to have peace?
6. What did Dan Ladi's mother do that changed the way she was feeling for the better?
7. If something wants to cause you to be anxious or scared, what can you do?

CONFESSION

I live in the secret place of the Almighty God. I abide under the shadow of the El Shaddai. God is my refuge and my fortress. I trust him to keep me safe. He will deliver me from evil and the evil one. I will not be afraid of things happening around me by day or by night because God is with me. Greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world. God has given me his angels to protect me. When I call on him, he answers. He will satisfy me with long life, good health and all that I need so that he is glorified in my life.

ACTIVITIES

1. **With younger children** – They should mention two or three things they do before going to bed every (or almost every) night.
2. **With older children** – Where in the Bible can you locate the following scriptures?
 - 1) "He giveth unto his beloved sweet sleep."
 - 2) "Be anxious for nothing, but..."
 - 3) "Greater is he that is in me than..."