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Abiding in the Shadow of the Almighty

1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, 
   *He* is my refuge and my fortress: 
   my God; in him will I trust.

3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, 
   *and* from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, 
   and under his wings shalt thou trust: 
   his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; 
   *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

6 *nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; 
   *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, 
   and ten thousand at thy right hand; 
   *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold 
   and see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because thou hast made the LORD, *which is* my refuge, 
   *even* the Most High, thy habitation;

10 there shall no evil befall thee, 
   neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, Mt. 4.6 · Lk. 4.10 
   to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, 
   lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Mt. 4.6 · Lk. 4.11

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: 
   the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Lk. 10.19

14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: 
   I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: 
   I *will be* with him in trouble; 
   I will deliver him, and honor him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, 
   and show him my salvation.