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## Psalm 91 (New International Version)

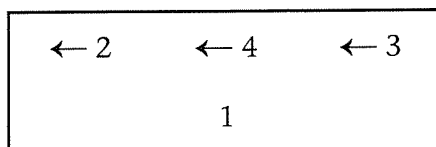
**Summary:** This is a somber piece with a fighting spirit. It is a glimpse into the battle that rages for our souls and the promise of God's faithfulness.

**Character Requirements:** Minimum of four actors, no maximum. No gender requirements. Lines can be broken up differently depending on the number of actors you choose to work with.

**Characters:** Number 1 represents the one who is sheltered; 4 represents God; 2 & 3 change roles throughout the piece (i.e. neutral characters, demons, and angels).

**Note:** The blocking is just a suggestion and not a requirement. Feel free to change the blocking completely to suit your needs.

Begin with 1 standing downstage center facing downstage. 2, 3, and 4 are one level upstage of 1 and begin facing stage right.



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*(Kneeling down)* He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *(lower head after 'Most High')*

2 – 4: will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. *(1 puts hands up, 2, 4, and 3 cover 1 with their arms in a sweeping motion)*

1: *(Head up)* I will say of the LORD,

2: He is my refuge *(step downstage right)*

3: and my fortress, *(step downstage left)*

2 – 4: my God, in whom I trust.

- 4: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare (*4 helps 1 up and stage left as 2 and 3 become the "deadly pestilence"*) and from the deadly pestilence.
- 1: He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge;
- 1 AND 4: his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- 1: You will not fear (*walks center as 4 stays upstage left*)
- 2: the terror of night, (*said with sinister voice*)
- 1: nor
- 3: the arrow that flies by day, (*2 and 3 release arrows*)
- 1: nor
- 2 AND 3: the pestilence that stalks in the darkness (*stalking towards 1*), nor the plague that destroys at midday! (*Arms raised with sword to strike 1*)
- 4: A thousand may fall at your side (*sword thrown from the hands of 3*), ten thousand at your right hand (*sword thrown from the hands of 2*), but it will not come near you (*2 and 3 cower*). You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. (*2 and 3 kneel, heads down, defeated*)
- If you make the Most High your dwelling—
- 1: even the LORD, who is my refuge-
- 1 AND 4: then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
- 1: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; (*1 looks at 2 and 3, now the guardian angels, as 4 motions towards them*)
- 2: they will lift you up in their hands, (*2 and 3 stay kneeling but palms and*

*arms raise up, 1 walks downstage center, 4 walks upstage center)*

3: so that you will not strike your foot against a stone *(2 and 3 stand keeping arms raised)*.

2: *(1 and 2 stamp right feet on 'tread')* You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;

3: *(1, 2, and 3 stamp left feet on 'trample')* you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

4: Because he loves me *(1 sinks to knees in prayer)*, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will

4 AND 2: call upon me,

4: and I will

4 AND 2: answer him;

4: I will

4 AND 3: be with him in trouble,

4: I will

4 AND 1: deliver him and honor him.

1-4: With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation. *(2, 3, and 4 cover 1 again, striking a similar pose to the beginning)*

*The end.*