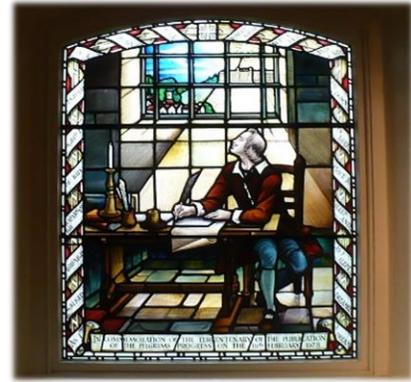


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## Good morning, Everybody.

I've been soooo encouraged about the books you're reading, the personal Bible study that you're doing, and especially about your memorizing of Psalm 91.

I'm sorry not to be getting responses back to all of you in an entirely timely fashion, but please know that each one of your communications is *much* appreciated. Sometimes I get up from the desk and say to Linda, *You've got to read this. . . .*



Someone wrote last night about his following up on Sunday night's study in Psalms.

Just a quick note here to thank you so much for the Psalms series. I really hope I'm not "imagining things" as I read now (you know that feeling that you're onto something and are afraid that you'll be disappointed because it wasn't quite as good as you expected ... :), but I listened through Ps 1-41 this morning, and I think I SAW it! I focused on David's preservation trying to find it, and it was EVERYWHERE! It was like reading a brand new book of the Bible. I think you're right that we do tend to go to the Psalms for "mood," but when you snap out of the "subjective" mood to the objective realities (God is preserving David as He promised), etc. then it lifts you up above yourself to the Lord Himself.

The thing about that note that is so blessed isn't its excitement about a particular series or message, but its testimony to someone's following up on a sermon in his own reading, and then experiencing the elation of being able to see its emphasis in his Bible **for himself**, and as a result—lifting his eyes up to **the Lord!**

Even now as I write I'm reminded of Pastor Boyd's preaching repeatedly, *You don't come to church to think about yourself and your problems! You come to church to think about the Lord!* He'd then go on to assure us that if we'd get our attention off of ourselves and on to the Lord, our problems would certainly be met.

There's nothing profound about the way he put that. I don't remember it because it was worded strikingly. I remember it because I can still recall the exact situation that gave rise to his interjecting it into a sermon the first time (at least

the first time I was present when he said it), and because when he did it was like a light went on in my head. It was a watershed moment.

I know that many, perhaps most of you understand what he was talking about. But if not, may the Lord give you help with this. *Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything* (II Timothy 2:7). And it will change, not only what you experience on the Lord's Day, but your entire life. Truly. Not an exaggeration. Talk to someone who's experienced it. They'll love telling you about it (smile).

### **The Easter Program**

I may not be able to respond to everyone who might answer this, but did any of you hear from lost family or friends who watched the Easter program? It would be great to hear from any of you who have.

### **The Challenge**

You're in touch with family, friends, and coworkers, and some of you are hearing them talk anxiously and confusedly. Maybe it echoes doubts and fears in your own heart. *You must continually make the case to yourself for confining yourself to God's thoughts and His alone.*

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick