Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday AM January 7, 2024

HOW CAN I FEAR?

- What the Bible says about God's relationship to His children in spatial/positional terms:
- I. GOD IS ______YOU.
- Three Old Testament revelations of God to His people:
- A. He went before Israel in the wilderness as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of _____ by night (Exod. 13:21-22, John 8:12).
- B. His name is Jehovah-Nissi, "the Lord our _____" (Exod. 17:15, Philip. 3:12).
- C. His name is Jehovah-Raah, "the Lord my _____" (Ps. 23:1-3, Jn. 10:27).
- II. God Is _____ You (Ps. 16:8).
- He walks beside us like two people enjoying each other's company as they walk along together, or like a ______ and child walking hand-in-hand (Ps. 73:23-24).
- The indwelling Holy Spirit is our _____ (paraclete) = One called alongside to comfort, correct, and encourage (Ps. 23:4).
- III. God Is _____ You (Ps. 35:1-3).
- When enemies are out to get you, God is your _____, covering your retreat.
- IV. GOD IS ______ YOU (JOHN 10:27-30).
- His everlasting ______ are underneath us at all times, so we can't fall too far or too hard (Deut. 33:27a, Prov. 24:16).
- The wicked falls into eternal punishment, never more to rise, but a just person may trip but always gets back up because God
 _____ Him up (Ps. 37:23-24).
- The child of God safe in the strong hand of God (John 10:27-30).
- Even when you don't ______ secure, God is beneath you (Ps. 94:17-18).
- V. GOD IS _____ YOU (PSALM 91:1-4).
- God is that higher ______ under which we may find shelter in storms, a strong tower to protect us from missiles of enemies, a shade tree or canopy to shadow us from the blazing heat of sun, a sheltering mother or father bird Who hides us under His outstretched wing (Ps. 61:1-4, 121:5-7).
- Since He is always above us and protecting us, we need to _____ Him (Ps. 36:7).

CONCLUSION

- God is all around us, _____ the time (Ps. 125:2).
- <u>Application</u>: Therefore, "How can I fear?" What _____ could you possibly face that your God can't handle?

- God has got you covered. His heavenly ______ are with you at this moment, deployed to protect you (2 Kings. 6:16-17, Ps. 91:9-12, 34:7).
- Open your eyes of faith; stop worrying, fretting, fussing; and
 ______ to trust in your God (Ps. 56:3-4).