

Today's Scripture reading talks about the fowler's snare. Sometimes, the best way to interpret Scripture is to ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and revelation, look for recurring themes in the Bible, and allow Scripture to interpret Scripture. There is a powerful truth here waiting to be unlocked.

Did you notice that the number 911 occurs in both Psalm 91:1 and Ecclesiastes 9:11? The number 911 is very significant for our times. It is a number that marks the largest-scale terrorist attack on American soil to date. The world changed that day, and we will never forget what happened. While chapter and verse markers in our Bible aren't inspired, the prayer of protection in Psalm 91 marks the times we are living in, and gives us a crystal clear reason why we *don't* have to live in fear.

In Ecclesiastes 9, King Solomon tells us that the winner of the race is not necessarily always the fastest one, and the person who wins the battle isn't necessarily always the strongest. He points out that men of understanding are not the only ones who gain riches, and men of skill do not always experience favour. Then he says this: "Time and chance happen to them all." Solomon then goes on to talk about those who are "like fish taken in a cruel net" or "birds caught in a snare". Notice that he is saying this of the "sons of men" and not the "sons of God". As believers, we are the sons and daughters of God. There are therefore two categories of people - those who are blessed because they find themselves at the right place at the right time, and those who are caught off guard in an evil time and find themselves at the wrong place at the wrong time. As a son or daughter of God, rest assured that the blessing of being placed in the right place at the right time is yours because of our Lord Jesus! Despite the perilous times we live in, you can expect Him to always protect and deliver you from every snare of the enemy.

Ecclesiastes 9:11-12 "I have seen something else under the sun: the race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favour to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. Moreover, no-one knows when their hour will come: as fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them."