## **More Than Hearing Worksheet**

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Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

1 You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;

my God, in whom I trust."

- 3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;
- 4 he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
- 5 You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,
- 6 or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
- 8 You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,
- 10 no evil shall befall you,

no scourge come near your tent.

- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.
- 14 Those who love me, I will deliver;

I will protect those who know my name.

- 15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.
- 16 With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Smarts	Images in the text	Illustrations	SFX
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Word - Verbal/Linguistic			
Eye - Visual/Spatial		This hymn of praise is FULL of images. Shielding, protection, salvation, abiding presence, continual care, nothing to fear	
Math - Logical/Mathematical			
Body - Kinesthetic	On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone	safety harnesses, safety nets, seat belts (thank you God), other equipment used to prevent (or minimize) injury -  Meredith - "Catch me, Daddy!"  Carrying a coach or other hero or champion off the field in victory  LEGO slippers	trust fall - one person falls back into another's arms; water balloon toss! lol
Musical		Michael Joncas' "On Eagle's Wings" comes directly from this psalm.  http://www.giamusic.com/bios/j-michael-joncas also "A Mighty Fortress"	On Eagle's Wings <a href="http://www.musicnotes.c">http://www.musicnotes.c</a> <a href="http://www.ontinesheetmusic.com/on-eagles-wings-p434702.aspx">http://www.ontinesheetmusic.com/on-eagles-wings-p434702.aspx</a>
Natural	the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent	the idea is, those who trusted in God would be safe amidst the most fearful dangers  lions = territorial, incredibly strong  adders = quick and venomous  I think the point of this	

		verse is to stress how powerful God's provident care is* - God's faithful will be so cared for that even the most dangerous animals known to humanity will not be a threat. What kinds of threats do we face that can be neutralized by God's abundant care?  *not to go out and stomp on snakes and taunt lions.	
People - Interpersonal	my God, in whom I trust  Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.  15 When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.	The salvation God promises is to those who have a relationship with God.  Is this relationship exclusive?  Yes - God loves us. Yes - we rely solely on God.  We do not decide who is or isn't in relationship (that's God's wheelhouse), but can encourage and direct people to be.  Imagine calling 9-1-1 and getting put on hold! We would be incensed	
Self - Intrapersonal	my God, in whom I trust	We have "In God We Trust" printed on our money, but do we really? When any of the above dangers mentioned in the psalm present themselves to us, what is our first reaction? Do we react in fear or frustration? Or do we face the challenge with hearts full of trust?	If you choose to follow the liturgy for the offering presented in the Deuteronomy passage (or not), you might encourage everyone to pull out a coin or bill and look at the motto and think about how much they trust God.

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