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Because God loves you, He provides - Part 113

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His covering love**. **Ps. 91:4** "He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

The Hebrew word for <u>cover</u> is **yasech** which means to cover over, to relieve, to screen, to atone. Many people look at this verse and immediately think that God has literal wings. He has no need of them for He is omnipresent. He doesn't need them to get from point A to point B because He is everywhere at all times. If you try to focus on whether He has wings or not, you'd be missing the meaning of this verse.

It is believed by most theologians that Moses wrote this Psalm. The meaning of this verse is carried in the picture it paints. Most birds guard their babies by spreading their wings over them to protect them from the elements or predators. Their wings are a covering for their little ones as they are weak and not able to take care of themselves. That is a beautiful picture of how God cares for us, His "little ones."

But there is a secondary picture here as well. It comes in the continued meaning of this word and could really be translated for us like this: He will atone for you and in Him you will find salvation because He is faithful. His covering is His atonement; His mercy seat; His precious blood that covers our sin. This covering is available to anyone who will turn to Him and call upon His name. 1 John 2:2 "He is the atonement for our sins and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world." God is calling out to you to come and find His great love as He spreads His wings over you to protect and atone for you.

Dear Father, thank You for Your covering love. That You would take our punishment for our sins and cover us with the precious blood of Jesus is almost incomprehensible. You truly do love us. Thank You. In Jesus Name, Amen