Psalms 91

NIV commentators say it may be written by a temple priest as a word to Godly worshipers; Others, Solomon. Still others say Moses wrote this psalm and several after it.

Matthew Henry says it is probable that this psalm was penned by David; it is a writ of protection for all true believers, not in the name of king David, or under his broad seal; he needed it himself, especially if the psalm was penned, as some conjecture it was, at the time of the pestilence which was sent for his numbering the people; but in the name of the King of kings, and under the broad seal of Heaven.

(Sword, disease, and famine)

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High, Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (presence), (protection)

2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." (my place to run to and my place to hide)(will not trust in my own strength, wit, or wisdom)

3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. (tempting bribe to lead you astray and into danger or error; possibly David’s own error)

(1 Chron 27:24  Joab the son of Zeruiah began a census, but he did not finish, for wrath came upon Israel because of this census; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David)

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. (like a hen and chicks)(shield...half to full man size, siege. buckler.....small and light, chest sized for hand to hand combat)

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, (cause of fear, or the result of it) (tens of thousands of arrows by wave during battle, David knew first hand about these)

6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. (sword by day; disease and famine spread even at night)

7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. (a picture of intense battle) (security for the believer)

8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. (although they do not come near you, you may see that you shall know the cost of wickedness)
9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,  (you choose to believe God; believe in Jesus)

10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; (safety) (His presence is your dwelling place; see verse 1 and 9 above)

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. (our ministering angels whose work it is to protect us)

12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (we are in their hands because He gave them ‘charge over us.’)

13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. (lion...strength; cobra....poisonous nature)

14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. (because he loves God, and knows His name. That is us who are obedient to Him)

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. (our reward for believing, trusting and knowing Him)

16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation." (no longer feel that something is missing; satisfied) (eternal life...live forever with Jesus)

1 John 5:14-16
14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.