## No Good Thing Does He Withhold

## **HAPPY WEDNESDAY!**

A "covering" is protection. When it rains and storms, we seek shelter by "taking cover." When we seek comfort, we "cover up." And *spiritually*, all of our needs are met in the covering of God alone.

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart." Psalms 91:4 NIV

God's cover over us IS a shield and a rampart, protecting us from the enemy who likes to lie, steal, kill, and destroy. When I was younger, I thought it was weird to picture God with feathers and wings and often wondered, "Can everyone fit under God's wings? What about the ones at the end of His wingspan? They may be a little more exposed than the ones nestled in close…" As an adult I'm reminded that God is omnipotent and omnipresent - because He is all powerful and able to be everywhere at once, NO ONE has to share God's power and HE NEVER RUNS OUT.

A covering more like this is what I should have pictured (no, I am not comparing God to a chicken, just the power of the all- encompassing covering here (2): God covers you to protect you.

"When my glory passes by, <u>I will</u> put you in a cleft in the rock and <u>cover you</u> with my hand until I have passed by." Exodus 33:22 NIV

Being covered is a promise for those whose faith is in Him.

"My offenses will be sealed up in a bag; you will cover over my sin." Job 14:17 NIV

God covers up my sins and I do not need to keep them hidden anymore. Sins cause separation from God, and God cannot cover me if I separate myself from Him.

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin." Psalms 32:5 NIV

There are only 2 types of coverings: God's or your own. I don't want to cover my sin from God - that exposes me to everything else! I desire oneness and community with my Father. He is my covering, my Protection, my Peace. Here's my Comfort, my Future, my Provider.

He covers me and shields me and defends me.

In Him I lack no good thing. No good thing does He withhold from me. Thank you Lord for the power of your covering. Thank you Lord that you are not limited by my understanding! Help me surrender to the covering you offer and to stop trying to cover myself or others. You are enough.

"Shalom" by Bridge Worship <u>https://youtu.be/ysvkyxMzLu4?si=J13WIhvJFCKxwpwJ</u>[youtu.be]

"Defender" by Francesca Batistelli <u>https://youtu.be/tqPMChzWLrE?si=hbdtdexozITo-vnf</u>[youtu.be]

"Sparrows" by Cory Asbury <u>https://youtu.be/2bZClJ-wH7o?si=xQBEE4T2bXnyTWEV</u>[youtu.be]

"Sparrow" by Audrey Assad <u>https://youtu.be/gfSI3mnZaqQ?si=Ukt1HIncqxhoZRZz [youtu.be]</u>

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