

“The Hiding Place”

Psalm 61: 1 – 5

Many of the Psalms refer to God as a Shelter, a Refuge, a Hiding Place, etc. and in (Psalm 32: 7), David testified when he said; “You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” Evidently David was taught as a boy about God and that is where he found the strength to fight the giant, he found refuge when he was running from King Saul’s anger and he had the courage to lead armies. All through David’s life he knew the Lord God to be his hiding place. We find a similar testimony by Corrie Ten Boom in her book; “The Hiding Place”. During persecutions, dangers and troubles she found great solace in the presence and power of God, her Hiding Place. Understanding that David and Corrie Ten Boom were human beings just like all of us, there are three truths that become evident as we live our life day by day.

1. All of us need a hiding place. David’s life demonstrated a definite need for a hiding place. We can say a lot of good things about David, yet his life was marked with ups and downs, sunlight and shadows, laughing and crying. In all these experiences David needed a hiding place and we hear him come to his hiding place in (Psalm 61: 1 – 2), “Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer. From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.”

Everyone needs a hiding place at various times and for many reasons as life brings to all daily pressures and situations that call for help. David was confronted with his sin and he ran to God as we saw in (Psalm 32: 7). In times of temptation we need a hiding place and we remember how Jesus was tempted in the wilderness and he resisted by using the scriptures and the angels came and ministered to him. Dangers and fears may face us, and sorrows, sadness and stress all teach us the need of a hiding place.

2. All of us can have a hiding place. David identifies his hiding place; it is not royalty, knowledge, possessions or friends, but David says in (Psalm 62: 1 – 2), “My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.” God is an amazing hiding place for only he is adequate for whatever life may bring. God is a strong hiding place always greater and stronger than the dangers of life. Be consoled by the words of Solomon, David’s son as he writes in (Proverbs 18: 10), “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe”.
3. All of us can benefit from a hiding place. David testified that the secret of his life was his relationship with God. A close examination of David’s writings, disclose numerous references about God as his strength, guide, and companion. Going to God for a hiding place will bring many benefits and among them we mention three.
 - (1). Enjoy the blessed presence of God. The scriptures tell us that “God will never leave those who trust him”. David gives to us wonderful words of comfort for all the situations of life as we find in (Psalm 62: 7). “My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge”.

(2). Enjoy God's protection. Remember the words in (Psalm 46: 1), "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble". God does not insulate his people against trouble, but he will protect them during trouble.

(3). Gain God's perspective. As we go to him for our hiding place, he gives us a new outlook on life as evidenced in (Psalm 32: 8), "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you". O, the assurance of God's promise and faithfulness.

Facing any storms now? Are you feeling as though you are about to sink? God wants to be your hiding place and in him your life will be blessed. If you have not, will you come to him today and say with David and many, many others; "Trust in him at all times. O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge".

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