

## THE BEST HIDING PLACE OF ALL

There are so many places that we can hide ourselves, but the best place to hide ourselves is in God.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ During times of war, when war planes would fly over cities and communities and would drop bombs, people would make underground shelters to hide in for safety.
- ❖ During this time of Covid-19, people are fearful of the virus due to the amount of attention paid to the frightening aspects of the disease, which includes death.
- ❖ People are hiding, refusing to leave their homes. Mental health status is failing because of fear and anxiety. Job loss leads to financial hardship, homelessness, sickness and many other stressors. Many people just need a place to hide.
- ❖ Although we may find a physical place to hide, the best hiding place is in Jesus. We can be rest assured that in Jesus we are safe.
- ❖ King David wrote in Psalm 32, "Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance..." (see vv. 7-9).
- ❖ As many may know, for a period of time King David hid himself in various places—like caves—from King Saul, a man who wanted to kill him. But although David felt somewhat safe in those caves, he knew there was greater safety in God.
- ❖ Have you ever noticed that when you are in trouble, God sends or puts a song in your mind and, as you sing and meditate on the lyrics, it brings peace and joy to your heart and mind? God is our hiding place. He protects us from trouble and surrounds us with songs of deliverance or songs of victory.
- ❖ Although the trial may still be there, anxiety and sorrow disappear. It doesn't mean that we will never experience difficulties and challenges again, but it does mean that when hard times come, we can have confidence in knowing that God is on our side and that our lives are ultimately secured in Him.
- ❖ He will never leave us nor forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). We must believe in His Word. The more we trust God, the deeper we can hide in Him.
- ❖ "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye" (Ps. 32:8). As David hid himself in God, God started to speak to him. And as we hide ourselves in God, the Almighty, the Omnipotent, Omnipresent, and Omniscient God will speak to us, instruct us, and cause us to understand spiritual things.
- ❖ We must understand that the natural man cannot understand spiritual things. But when we are hiding in Jesus, our mind is changed, and He is able to instruct us by His Word, which is profitable for doctrine and for righteousness.

### KEY SCRIPTURE: Psalm 32:7-9 KJV

- ❖ He will teach us the way we should go. He points us to the way of truth in His Word:
- ❖ **God Warns Us of Disobedience (Psalm 32:9).**
  - He imparts His understanding to us; He didn't impart it to the horse or the mule. So, when we are disobedient and rebellious, we put ourselves in the same category of the horse and mule, that is without understanding, and the bit and bridle has to be applied to us.
  - God wants to instruct us by His Word. He wants to teach and guide us because He loves us and wants to save us. And one day we will live and reign with Him, so let's be obedient and hide ourselves in Him.
- ❖ **Why We Should Hide in Him?**
  - "In [Him] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3).
  - In God is hidden all the treasures of divine truths. There is a variety and abundance of unsearchable riches in God. The heights of wisdom and depths of knowledge lie in knowing Him, whom to know is life eternal (John 17:3).
- ❖ **How Can We Hide in Him?**
  - We must repent of our sins (Luke 24:47).
  - And as written in Proverbs 3:5-6, we must acknowledge that we need God; that without Him we are nothing and can do nothing. We need God just like we need oxygen to breathe.
  - Therefore, we must meditate on the Word of God; we need to pray, be obedient to God and both apply and live the Word of God.
- ❖ **When Can We Hide Ourselves in God?**
  - Right Now. Today is the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2).
  - There is only one way to God and that is through Jesus Christ. This is God's requirement: that we all repent of our sins, be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of our sins, and He in turn will fill us with His Holy Spirit (see Acts 2:38).
- ❖ So, let us all come hide ourselves in Jesus Christ, the best hiding place of all.

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. What situations cause(d) you to go to the hiding place you mentioned during the "start-up"?
2. What does "hiding in Jesus Christ" mean to you?
3. How can we use the Word of God as our hiding place? What are scriptures we can "hide" in?

### PRAYER TIME

Lord, You are my shield and my hiding place. "When I need a shelter...I go to the Rock."

## WEEK OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 🌱 (New idea) 🗨️ (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) ➡️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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*Go deeper with your Life Group family.  
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE  
WORD*

Start-up: Did you have a hiding place as a child, or do you have one as an adult? What was/is it and how did (or does) it make you feel safe?