

Our Perfect Refuge

“Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me: for my soul trusts in you: yes, in the shadow of your wings will I make my refuge” (Psalm 57:1)

All of the Bible is about Jesus, not just some of it. From Genesis to Revelation, it all tells us about Jesus Christ. In John 5:39, Jesus said to search the scriptures for these are they which do testify of me. The devotion for today is all about Christ our perfect refuge!

I live in Virginia just outside of Washington DC. Located 1600 miles away from here is the Cheyenne Mountains of Colorado.



These Mountains were once declared the safest spot in the world (especially during times of war). Anyone located within this Mountain would be completely safe from any external conflict happening on the outside. The Mountain's refuge standards are truly impressive.

Here are just a few facts about it:

- The complex was built under 2,000 feet (610 m) of granite on five acres
- Fifteen three-story buildings are protected from movement by an earthquake or explosion or fire.
- The bunker is built to deflect a 30 megaton nuclear explosion within 2 kilometers Should a nuclear blast hit the building, it is designed to withstand a blast wave.
- There is a network of blast valves within the Mountain that is able to capture air-borne chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear contaminants.
- It is completely self-sufficient because it has it's own power plant, heating and cooling system, and water supply.

That mountain may boast to be the safest place on earth, but the safest place for all believers is in Christ. He is our Refuge.

Hebrews 6: 18 says, “That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.”

Jesus laid hold of hope for you because He knew there would be times when you would be in need of refuge. Are you in need of refuge today? If so, you have to lay hold of that hope through Him and Him alone. Whatever you are facing- He is your refuge.

Being in the center of His will doesn't mean you are exempt from struggle or suffering. Even in His will you can find yourself in difficult, dangerous or painful situations. After all, didn't Jesus lead the disciples into the boat, knowing full well that a violent storm was brewing?

When we are desperate- He is not. When that storm hit, the disciples were terrified, but Jesus (the true Refuge), calmed the storm (Matthew 8:23–27). When you are in God's will, you can face the most dangerous of situations with confidence, because He is with you. You can take Refuge in Jesus at any time, in any place and under any circumstance. It is the Jesus Himself who is your constant hope. He is your refuge.

The word "REFUGE" is from the Latin word meaning to escape and depicts a place which provides shelter or protection from trouble, danger or distress. A REFUGE is a place of safety and security. The Greek word in Hebrew that is translated "refuge" is the same one used in the Septuagint (the Greek version of the Old Testament) describing cities of refuge. The writer of Hebrews is telling us that the only way to experience the power of God that saves us is when we run to Him in desperation—for HE is our refuge.

Christ is your completely sufficient refuge. He is always accessible. He is the place you need to go when life gets tough.

Lord- I declare that You and You alone are my refuge and my fortress. Lord, I long to dwell in your tent forever. I willingly take refuge in the shelter of your wings. I willingly take refuge in the shelter of your embrace. You are my God, in whom I trust. You are a very present help in my time of trouble. I now run to you and therefor I am a safe.

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