

Shelter In a Time of Storm

Dangerous times

- Viruses
- Confinement
- Job losses
- Terrorism
- Sheltering in crisis can produce problems
- God's shelters reassured His people in troubled times
- Shelter: something providing cover or protection, as from weather. Refuge. Haven.

I. God's Shelter Promises

Opposite of shelter: exposure

- Cain, Gn.4.
- Belshazzar, Dt.5:22-30.
- Prov.14:32 –

The wicked is banished in his wickedness,
But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

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- Ps.9:9

The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

- Ps.18:2, shield (Ep.6:16)

The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer. My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

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- Ps.121:1-8 . . .
 - Almighty power, 2
 - Sleepless vigilance, 4
 - Promise . . . 5: Keeper, Guard
- **Songs:** 132 / 432 / 650 / 712

I. God's Shelter Promises

II. God's Sheltered People

- Noah, Gn.6-9
- Abraham, Gn.12, 15 ... Gal.3
- Jacob, Gn.28-33 ... Jacob fled ... returned
 - Jacob's children in decline
 - Simeon / Levi, Gn.34
 - Reuben, Gn.35:22
 - Joseph, sold as slave, Gn.37
 - Judah, Gn.38
 - Joseph, Gn.37... preserved in prison from evil influence of brothers...

- Pharaoh hated Israel, Ex.1-2
- Moses, Ex.2-3, persecution, power, privilege; 40 years in wilderness...
- Israel in wilderness, Ex.14, 19, 20; Nu.13f.
- Joshua (Caleb) led people to conquer Canaan
- Rahab, protected by Israel; Mt.1
- Ruth – Judges, unparalleled wickedness...
 - Boaz, Bethlehem...

- Gideon, Jg.6:...11
- David, sheltered from Saul...
- Elijah, 1 K.17
- Hezekiah, 2 K.19-20
- Ezra-Nehe
- Esther, sa
- Ezekiel 1:1
- Daniel 1, 6
- Apostles, Lk.24:49; Ac.1:4-5
- Paul, Gal.1:17, Arabia... 2 Tim.4:10, 16-18
- All disciples, Hb.13:5-6 (1 Co.15)

Jesus, three days
in tomb.

Came forth as

Savior of world.

Man
of God

I. God's Shelter Promises

II. God's Sheltered People

III. God's Strength Puzzles

Looks can be deceiving

- Egypt vs Israel (slaves). Who won? Why?
- Samson attacked by lion, Philistines...
- David survived attacks of Saul / Ammon...
- Dn.2, kingdoms of men fall...
- Dn.3, in fire...
- Dn.6, in lion's den...
- Amos 5:18-20
- Sanhedrin and apostles, Acts 4-5...
- Demas, 2 Tim.4:10

Rom.8

31 What then shall we say to these things?

If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

36 As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*” **37**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

2 Tim.1:7

For God has **not** given us a spirit of fear, **but** of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

- NOT spirit of fear
- BUT spirit of . . .
 - **Power.** Ability to stand up under pressure of foes, trials, dangers.
 - **Love.** Ep.4:15.
 - **Sound mind.** Sound judgment, self-control.

Remember: God shelters us against...

- Temptation, 1 Co.10:13.
- Satan, 2 Th.3:3.
- Falling, Jd.24.

Our part...

...that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before *us* – Hb.6:18