

THE POWER OF GOD

The power of God means refuge. "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the ALMIGHTY, will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust'" (Psalm 91:1-2). God is to be your haven, your retreat, your safe place, your security, your shelter, your shield, your stronghold. With God as your refuge you are not just talking about placid lakes, flowering meadows, and isolated retreats. Instead, in scripture refuge connotes fortresses, rocks, shields, and strongholds set squarely in the context of battle and assault. When the psalmist faced battle, strife, frustration and fear, he sought refuge in God's power. He sought refuge in God because:

- ✦ God's love was priceless and unfailing (Psalm 36:7).
- ✦ God was a "strong tower" against all enemies (Psalm 61:3).
- ✦ God was an "ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).
- ✦ He had "tasted" and found that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8)

While we may seek refuge in God most often during times of stress, strain, and struggle, scripture also reveals that we can find satisfying refuge in good times as well. Psalm 36:7-8, "Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delight." Psalm 62:8 says, "Trust in him at all times, O people ... for God is our refuge".

Refuge in God is clearly possible not only in times of need, but at all times, including times of prosperity. The power of God means eternal, unshakable refuge in the everlasting glory of God no matter what happens on this earth. Is there anything more freeing, more thrilling, or more strengthening than the truth that GOD ALMIGHTY is your refuge — all day every day in all the ordinary and extraordinary experiences of life!

- Andy Miller, Starkville Church of Christ, Starkville, MS

THREE DAYS

Yesterday ...

Like mintage spent, is past recall;
It's echo dimmed beyond times wall.

Tomorrow ...

It's never promised to earthly man,
Nor does it often fit a plan.

Today ...

Is gold that covers hills and dell,
And rich are they who use it well.

- Pearl Phillips -

Praise to God comes naturally when you count your blessings.

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Shirley Beagle and family at the recent passing of her sister, Mary Melvin in Lansing, Michigan, and to Peggy Linger and Linda Wiersbicki and family at the passing of their dad, Ray Baker. God bless and comfort these families.

LISBON SING: Today, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

TIME CHANGE: Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend. Remember to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before bedtime next Saturday night.

PANTRY: Soup & crackers.

REMEMBER THESE SHUT-IN'S: Harry & Imogene Nice.

SICK: AT HOME: Dan Williams, Scharlotte Cyphers, Joann Webb, Geraldine Barrett, Bertha Seman. **Fox Nursing Home:** Lloyd Ferrell. **Calcutta Health Care:** Virginia Clutter (Eva Stefl's sister-in-law). **The Willows of Presbyterian Senior Care:** Bertha Sprague (David Malcomson's aunt), 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139. Those who have been shut-in or in nursing homes for an extended period of time are posted on the bulletin board.

PRIORITIES

Some strive for power, but often in vain,
Some thirst for glory; so hard to attain.
Some crave possessions that wealth alone brings,
But these, alas, are transitory things.
The wise are they who while on earth's sod
Seek first in their lives the Kingdom of God.

- Mary Gemma Brunke -

MEETINGS

CHESTER	March 16-20	Eddie Cooper
Sandyville	March 23-26	F. Higginbotham
Hanoverton	April 6-10	F. Higginbotham
Southern Hills	April 13-16	F. Higginbotham
Weirton Hgts.	April 20-24	Will Montgomery
East Liverpool	May 4- 8	Steve Snider
Mooreville	May 4- 9	F. Higginbotham