

# *Hiding Place*



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shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty"

PSALM 91:1

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## **Edifying Word:** *Unfailing faith, not incapacitated*

The command "fear not" preceded most every great move of God throughout the Bible. That same powerful command must also become an important part of every new venture as well as every routine. The weight it carries empowers us to obey the prompting and direction of the Holy Spirit immediately. Moreover, it allows your faith to manifest as a present, active force in your life making the impossible the inevitable. Jesus Christ prophesied that greater works will be accomplished because of the gifts and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the last days (John 14:12). Therefore, you can advance without even flinching.

Authority in the earth has been conferred to you as God's son or daughter. The truth of the matter is that your position in Christ has gained full recognition and acceptance as an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. Because victory is a part of your inheritance, it shall never pass away. Always remember, that it pleased God to make you a part of his family, so he is always mindful of his covenant with you to keep you from falling.

There is a way to find out if you are abiding under God's wings and covered with his feathers. If you feel any heat in the battle, the enemy is too close to you and has detected your position, and you are too far away from the Lord. Never prepare for an emergency during an emergency. Equip yourself daily with Psalm 91 that images God's covenant love and his obligation to you. It crowns him as your Defense, your hedge of protection and preservation. He anticipates drawing nigh to all those who place their trust in him.

Isaiah 43:2 declares God is your stronghold in the day of trouble. God promises, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you: when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you." In other words, there is absolutely no situation or circumstance that can hem you in.

When you fellowship with the Lord, you will intimately become better acquainted with your triumphant position in Christ. Unity in the Spirit removes all differences so that you can wholeheartedly agree with God alone. Isaiah 40:31 reflects this image,

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as an eagle, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." The Hebrew definition for "wait" is an act of binding together to achieve oneness. You have a bond that keeps you undetected from the onslaughts of the enemy. You are therefore hidden in Christ when you maintain complete union. (Psalm 91:4) You are then free of any encumbrance, so can gracefully climb to the prepared high places.

You can soar to new heights as you discover your prearranged plan that is threefold: beneficial, tailor-made, and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2) God has a plan for you that is much higher than all your best thoughts and ways. (Isaiah 55:8-9) Yes, far beyond all principalities, powers, rulers of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:11-13). Under the Almighty's capable care, the sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. You can remain confident that the Lord will preserve your soul, guarding you from evil so only a spectator you will be. (Psalm 121: 6-7).

A seamless connection is woven, so the enemy cannot detect where God begins and where you end. With God, you experience perfect synchronization which is authentically established through the awesome work of the Holy Spirit giving you victory every time. What stills the avenger is that he can not discern any differences between you and God, because of the power of the resurrection you are generating. He is frustrated not knowing if he is talking to you or God. As he goes back and forth looking for a port of entry, he only finds total defeat.

Through the law of faith, the Holy Spirit within makes an arrest. Deliverance from the enemy is supernatural. Zechariah 4:6, confirms this. It declares, "...Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord of hosts." And again in II Corinthians 10:3-5, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

Deuteronomy 33:27 gives you this blessed hope, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before you; and shall say, Destroy

them." Because "the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear" (Isaiah 59:1), you can rely on God's unprecedented surveillance to thrust himself in front of you as your bodyguard at all times when you call on Him in truth. Without fail, God is disposed to show you favor. Another definition for "dispose" means to marshal which demonstrates God's readiness. Psalm 46:1 says, God as a very present help in trouble, which proves his preparedness for both war and emergencies.

God diligently scans the whole earth looking for a perfect heart of faith to continuously cover and defend. He will not allow your foot to be moved because he stands guard as a Watchman 24 hours a day-7 days a week. Psalm 121:3 verifies the frailty of the watchman if it isn't God. "...Except the Lord watch the city, the watchman wakes but in vain." (Psalm 127:1) The strength of God's commitment is so great that he never even takes a wink but is fully alert to watch over his Word to perform it. Psalm 121:3-4 confirms that he neither sleeps nor slumbers.

The Word also declares, "a thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee". (Psalm 91:7) Why? Because you have personally known his impenetrable name: The Rock, Refuge, Fortress, Deliverer, High Tower, and Shield. (Psalm 144:1-2) The enemy may try to wrestle with you but no matter how unwillingly he is, the devil must submit under your God-given authority. At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord. With the collapse of the enemy's champion, you find a safe haven of rest under the shadow of the Almighty. You will then see for yourself, that "The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe". (Proverbs 18:10).

There is absolutely no one who can successfully contend with God and win. The Word ensures your victory and the enemy's defeat every time. Hebrews 2:9,14,15 says, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. ...that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

You can plainly see that satan is fighting a losing battle. He knowingly endeavors to maintain conflict out of mere desperation and presumption. That's why he has to work overtime to employ the spirit of fear in an attempt to extinguish life. But the power of Jesus Christ's resurrection reveals the truth of God's love in I John 3:8. "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil". Luke 10:19 confirms you are Jesus' choice to assume his role of authority over satan in every area, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." You have been empowered to cast out fear permanently, whether faced with a planned attack or sudden surprise.

Let's look closer at how fear can create a stronghold that seems indestructible. Fear does not work alone, but rallies camaraderie with other evil spirits in attempt to paralyze you. Isaiah 54:14 exposes the three culprits that try to incapacitate you: 1) oppression; 2) fear; and 3) terror.

Deceitfully, oppression works to distress and defraud through injury and unjust gain. However, the best of oppression is not qualified to contend with even the finger of God. In Isaiah 51:13, the Lord asks this question, "Where is the fury of the oppressor?" So let your testimony be this, "if God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

Fear then couples with oppression to cause a sense of dread, torment, and bondage . It aims to immobilize its subject. Fear tries to enter to displace your faith, so satan can rule in the earth instead of God. Fear must be intolerable in your life for God is not the author. "For God has not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and a sound mind". (II Timothy 1:7)

Terror then teams up with oppression and fear to bring about total ruin, desolation, and destruction. But Psalm 9 declares that "destructions are come to a perpetual end". In other words, terror can only be an end that can never begin again. Its power has been stripped because of the finished work on Calvary. Now you have the anointing of the Holy Spirit available to remove the burden and destroy the yoke to transform ashes into beauty.

The diabolical trio's ultimate goal is to reposition you from enlarging your territory in the earth. If they can successfully penetrate your heart, then your life and possessions will be lost, stolen, and destroyed. (John 10:10) Your head will hang in doubt and you will lack assurance if you give place to a fear-based lifestyle. A fearful, unbelieving heart always pries open the floodgates to insecurity, ultimately failure. Instead serve the Lord your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things, absolutely nothing missing and nothing broken, except fear, oppression, and terror.

(Deuteronomy 28:47) The tormenting outlaws plot together to overtake you, but the Word confirms that "they shall not come near thee." Isaiah 54:15 warrants "whosoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake". With that kind of judgment, every plot will be foiled before the attack can be executed because Isaiah 54:17 says, "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall condemn..." So authority rests with you and I to make every battle plan of the enemy fail, because we overcame him (the devil and his cohorts: oppression, fear, terror, etc.) by the blood of the Lamb and by the Word of our testimony. (Revelation 12:11)

When you become more assured of God's love, you will fully understand the extent he will go to save you to the uttermost. I John 4:18 says, "Perfect love casts out fear." So no famine, nakedness, peril, or sword. Nothing present, and nothing in the future. No height or depth. No angels or principalities, nor any other creation can compound its resources to destroy your everlasting covenant of deliverance, protection, and preservation with the Most High.

You can rest in knowing your faith can not falter even under trial, because God's love for you cannot be overthrown. Meditating on that will increase your capacity to receive full deliverance whenever you need it. You can know for yourself that God will keep you as the apple of His eye.

Songs of deliverance, like Hiding Place, surround you with God's presence and nothing can separate you from his undying commitment to save deliver, protect, preserve, prosper, heal and make you whole.

One of the reasons Jesus came into the world was to destroy the works of the devil. The other reason he came is that you might have life more abundantly. (John 10:10) You can not have a blessed life if you are harassed by even one threat launched from the enemy. So put the devil in his place under your feet. Bind those spirits from ruling in your life, family, home, workplace, community, city and nation. Always remember, there is no distance in the Spirit. Whatever authority you realize, without question, shall be manifested without delay. That is the result of unfailing faith.

## **Daily Confession:** *I am perfectly fearless.*

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;

There shall no evil before thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honour him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

**Psalm 91**

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **II Timothy 1:7**

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.  
**Romans 8:15**

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me. **Psalm 56:11**

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. **I John 4:18**

Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.

For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. **Proverbs 3:25, 26**

In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee. **Isaiah 54:14**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. **Psalm 23:4,5**

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **Hebrews 2:14-15**

For whom he did fore know, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:29, 31,35-39**

Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. **Deuteronomy 31:6**

Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. **Isaiah 41:10**

When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea thou shalt lie down, and they sleep shall be sweet. **Proverbs 3:24**

I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou Lord only makest me dwell in safety. **Psalms 4:8**

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, al ye that hope in the Lord. **Psalms 31:24**

Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies. **Psalms 112:6-8**

He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted; neither turneth he back from the sword. **Job 39:22**

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. **Mark 5:36**

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. **John 14:27**

Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually. **Psalms 119:117**

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. **Joshua 1:9**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host shall encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty:

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. **Psalm 27:1-14.**

## **Prayer Covering:** *I'm taking uncharted territory.*

Dear Heavenly Father, in the precious name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior. With boldness and confidence I approach you knowing that you always hear me and that your tender mercies and bountiful favor are available and ready to be delivered to me at all times. Jesus redeemed my life from destruction, so I rest under your everlasting arms. Because of the blood covenant, provision has already been made for my divine protection. So I apply the blood to me, family, loved ones, workplace, community, city, and nation and I receive the benefit of deliverance, protection, and preservation. I know you never sleep nor slumber. Your angels keep watch over me and all that I claim because they hearken to your Word to deliver me from evil. I charge the angels to keep this assignment No weapon formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that rises up against me, I shall condemn, bringing any planned or formed weapon to complete destruction. I use my authority in prayer so I bind the spirit of fear, terror and oppression. I cast you out of my life, and I forbid your interference in my circumstances. Lose your hold right now, in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. You can no longer be a stronghold over my life, because the Lord is a stronghold for me whenever there is any hint of trouble. I have gained full recognition and acceptance as a heir of God, joint-heir with Jesus Christ, as the authority in the earth. Without a shadow of doubt, I reign over you and am no longer in bondage to you because God has given me a spirit of power, love, and a sound mind. I am the head, and you are the tail. I am above in everything, and you are beneath in everything. You are continually under my feet. I am free of your influence so I walk at liberty. By faith, I receive therefore I stand fast in perfect soundness because I am surrounded by your love which cannot be overthrown. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## **Eyewitness Account: *Divine Covering***

To stand as watchman has increasingly more significance to my own life and ministry. After the following events, I now understand the priority of standing guard over my own heart, home, workplace, family, partners, city, and nation. Yes, standing guard: making sure that nothing gets in that should be kept out and nothing gets out that should be kept in.

In the midst of some personal challenges a friend simply said, Remember Psalm 91. I pondered on this insightful truth that created an imagery of being fully covered by the One who is the incomparable Defender and a Mighty Warrior. By the end of the week, my Refuge birthed an indelible song in my heart, entitled "Hiding Place". He perfectly fit that song in my spirit that inspired confidence in Him alone. I didn't understand all that it was creating in heaven and earth, but I continued to sing it everyday for over two weeks. Only after 9-11, I saw this psalm as one of the acceptable sacrifices to God that spared our City from ruin. I believe there other untold accounts.

Within the past several years another prayer warrior enlightened me about the ruling spirits over Cleveland, so I began binding the spirits of murder and suicide, having a view of the Terminal Tower as I journeyed to work.

The Lord brought to mind a prophecy delivered in the 1980's by a renown ministry: It declared that Cleveland will no longer be known as the mistake on the lake. In 2000, the Lord quickened in my spirit that Cleveland will be known as the New International Bible Belt, paralleling the effects to the light of New Jerusalem in the book of Revelation.

So the morning of September 10, 2001 I didn't think it unusual to ask the Lord for Cleveland for our inheritance as Psalm 2:8 suggests. After retiring that evening, the Lord gave me a clear vision of mounted horses with angels holding lit torches and I heard these words, "the city is safe". Puzzled and not knowing what was to befall our nation the following morning, I innocently said okay in my heart and drifted off to a restless sleep.

When I found out what had transpired on 9-11, all four planes had fallen. There are documented accounts that the fourth plan

that succumbed in Pennsylvania was in Cleveland's airspace, flew over the Cleveland Airport but turned around. There were moves to evacuate the downtown area and people were called not to report to scheduled meetings in that area.

I know our City was hedged by wall to wall protection that could not be penetrated by destruction's forces. While divine protection averted danger for Cleveland, it was in no way automatic. God's faithfulness to be the watchmen over His Word caused it not come back empty. Just like there were not any breaches between those angels in the vision, God's faithfulness is also without breach. Engage God's help as you employ Psalm 91 in your daily prayer and meditation time. His sweet presence will surround you with his protective forces and keep you in tact no matter what fear, oppression, or terror you may face. You're empowered to defeat the enemy.

*Life cannot be extinguished  
when God is enthroned in the hearts of receiving believers.*

## **The New Beginning**

## Song of Deliverance Lyrics: *Hiding Place*

You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.  
My heart overflows with Your songs of deliverance.  
I will dwell in the secret place of the Most High  
I shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.

You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.  
My heart overflows with Your songs of deliverance.  
I'll say of You Lord You are my Refuge  
And my Fortress, My God, In You will I trust  
You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.

You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.  
My heart overflows with your songs of deliverance.  
Surely You shall deliver me from the snare of the fowler  
And from the noisome pestilence.  
You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.

You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.  
My heart overflows with your songs of deliverance.  
Cover me with Your feathers  
Underneath your wings I shall trust and not be afraid  
You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.

You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.  
Because I love you, You shall deliver me  
You set my on high 'cause I've known your name.  
I shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
You are my hiding place. You are my hiding place.

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## **Adoption:** *Salvation & the Baptism in the Holy Spirit*

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you to acknowledge my need for salvation. I repent of my sin and ask you to forgive me. I invite you to be my Savior and the Lord of my life. Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I believe that I am saved, right now. I believe that You have accepted me as I am. By the shed blood of Jesus Christ, I believe You have included me as the newest member in the heavenly family right now. I believe I receive all the benefits of salvation right now: forgive all my iniquities; heal all my diseases; redeem my life from destruction; crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies; and satisfy my mouth with good things so that my youth will be renewed like the eagles as Psalm 103:3-5 declares. I declare that there is absolutely nothing in my life that needs saving. I am saved to the uttermost.

Now that I am saved I am an immediate candidate to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as was experienced in Acts 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Therefore I believe, I receive the Holy Spirit right now. John 7:38 declares, "He that believeth on me (Jesus Christ), as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." I believe I am empowered to be an eyewitness as Acts 1:6 declares, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".

Thank you for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe I am brand new. II Corinthians 5:7 says, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I salute you as the newest member of the body of Christ. This is the most important decision you will ever make in this life. Welcome to our family.