

Refuge

Psalm 45/46:1-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

(KJV)

The Lord God is ever ready to receive persons turning to Him in faith and hope. Sincere believers are never disappointed when seeking refuge in the Lord God. The Lord is the definitive Source of protection and strength for seekers of refuge. The Lord God offers refuge for persons experiencing serious personal problems. The soul finds peace, purpose and clarity when refuge is taken in the Lord God.

Psalm 45/46:7-The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Selah. (KJV)

God is ever-present and within reach during the believer's earthly existence. God is always within reach to believers reaching out in prayer and firm faith. Seeking refuge in the Lord is a beneficial life-changing and life-renewing action. Hunger in the soul is addressed when believers turn to the Lord seeking refuge. When refuge is taken in the Lord, the world's problems no longer seem as great.

Psalm 56/57:1-Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast. (KJV)

Taking refuge in the Lord enables believers to face the difficult storms of life. Serious believers place full confidence in the value of taking refuge in the Lord. The world's problems look differently when the believer takes refuge in the Lord. When the believer takes refuge in the Lord, the heart experiences needed peace. The Lord provides a protective shield around believers seeking personal refuge.

Psalm 61:8/62:7-In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. (KJV)

Believers experience salvation when turning to the Lord completely for refuge. God's values become the believer's values when refuge is taken in the Lord. Eternal life becomes the new reality of refuge seekers in the Lord's midst. Old ways and old habits are cast behind as life begins anew in the Lord God. The Lord God strengthens believers turning to Him for refuge and salvation.

Psalm 61:9/62:8-Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (KJV)

Honesty with the self and the Lord are expected when the believer takes refuge. The Lord God is attentive to believers pouring out their hearts when in refuge. Comforting love, mercy and compassion characterize taking refuge in the Lord. Life is renewed for believers taking refuge in the Lord and seeking salvation. Taking refuge in the Lord results in gratitude and joy arising in the believer's heart.

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