

## God Is Our Refuge

**Psalm 9:9-The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.** (KJV)

The Psalmist identifies the Lord God as a refuge for believers in difficult times. Believers seeking safety in times of difficulty turn to the Lord with confidence. The Lord is present for believers to provide security in the most difficult times. Difficulties arise in human life and having the Lord as a refuge is very reassuring. Taking refuge in the Lord allows for time to be taken to sort through troubles.

**Psalm 14:6- Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.** (KJV)

The Lord is readily available for wisdom and guidance in the most difficult times. Believers in search of wisdom and guidance find compelling answers in the Lord. Personal knowledge is limited but taking refuge in the Lord yields new solutions. Peace replaces concern, anxiety and worry when the Lord God becomes the refuge. Access to the Lord is within reach of each person prayerfully seeking refuge.

**Psalm 46:1-God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** (KJV)

The Psalmist's enduring wisdom through the ages attests to the Lord as our refuge. Through the ages believers have learned from the Psalmist to seek refuge in God. When believers have nowhere to turn, the Psalmist points to God as the refuge. Turning to God as the refuge yields safety, love and direction in difficult times. Hope is derived from turning to the Lord God when despair arises in the mind.

**Psalm 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)

When difficulties seem to be overwhelming, God offers the safest escape route. Reaching out to God as the safe-haven activates the Divine protection necessary. The soul needs the Lord God's protection at all times against the worldly perils. The believer protects the soul's enduring value by taking refuge in the Lord God, The soul is worth more than the whole world and benefits from God's protection.

**Psalm 59:16- But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.** (KJV)

Perilous times arise in life and having God as our refuge enables peace to prevail. Taking refuge in the Lord enables believers to seek the narrow path to eternal life. Believers are able to discover life's possibilities as refugees in God's embrace. Conscious and decisive actions are required to enter into the Lord's protection. The believer is expected to have strong faith when seeking refuge in the Lord.