

# Safe In God's Presence

*"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.  
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust."*

*Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.*

*He will cover you with his feathers,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."*

*Psalm 91:1-4 (NIV)*

**A**s young children most of us found security in the presence of our parents. We need to see them to be comforted and feel safe. As a 4 year old preschooler, I wandered a couple of miles from home one day and found myself lost. Nothing was familiar. I was full of fear. At last, a kind man found a way to connect with my parents. When my father drove up, I instantly found peace as I looked in our old blue 1930 Buick, saw my father driving it, and was joyful in his presence.

But how do we see God? Where do we look for Him? We can't see Him in the way we see our parents. So, how do we go about finding Him? The verses today seem so serene and peaceful. They immediately attract us and cause us to desire to experience the same intimacy as the Psalmist did.

One way to draw near to our Creator is to see Him in creation. The Bible tells us that the universe around us makes a

wonderful statement concerning the power and wisdom of the Creator. Many scientists who study the rules of the universe are convinced the universe had to have a brilliant mind behind all we see (It is theorized that about 95% of the universe is invisible).

Another way to come close to our Maker is through studying Scripture, especially the Gospels. There we see the One who said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." We are amazed at how bold our Saviour is to make such a remarkable statement! Yet it is true. He puts His teaching on a par with Scripture in Matthew 5:21-48. There He keeps quoting Scripture and each time gives a teaching of His own on the subject making it equal to the Bible. He raised the dead, caused the blind to see, spoke and storms ceased, created a meal for 5,000 with one poor boy's bag lunch, and so proved His authority over the world.

To draw near to such an amaz-

ingly powerful One gives us great peace and security. Do you have the peace that He alone gives? Listen to Paul telling believers to be peaceful: Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) " Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

In all situations pray giving thanks and bring your needs to your loving heavenly Father and He will come to you and calm your troubled heart. Why not draw near today and pour out your complaints, always giving thanks for blessings. God's remarkable peace will flood your heart and mind as you find safety in His presence. Come to Him and come today.

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