



## You are my Hiding Place

Psalm 32:7

When, Where and How to Hide  
1 Kings 17:1-24; 19:1-18; Selected Scriptures  
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### When to hide.

In times of...

- Trouble. (Psalm 9:9; 22:11; 25:17; 27:5; 32:7; 34:17; 37:39; 46:1; 50:15; 91:15; 120:1; Nahum 1:7)
- Danger. (1 Kings 17:1-9; 19:1-9; Psalm 143:9; 2 Corinthians 11:26)
- Distress. (2 Samuel 22:7; 1 Kings 19:4; Nehemiah 9:27, 37; Psalm 18:6; 59:16; 116:3; 118:5; Isaiah 25:4; Jeremiah 16:19; Jonah 2:2; Romans 8:35)
- Weak and helpless. (Job 26:2; Psalm 61:2; Isaiah 25:4)
- In all times. (Psalm 62:8)

### Where to hide.

In God, your...

- Hiding place. (1 Kings 17:2-3, 9; Psalm 32:7; 119:114; Psalm 27:5)
- Shelter. (Psalm 5:11; 31:20; 61:4; 91:1, 4)
- Refuge. (2 Samuel 22:2-4; Psalm 18:2-3, 30; 34:8, 22; 46:1; 59:16; Isaiah 25:4; Hebrews 6:18)
- Rock / Fortress / Tower / Stronghold. (1 Samuel 2:2; 2 Samuel 22:2-4, 32, 47, 51; Psalm 9:9; 18:2-3, 31, 46, 50; 31:2; 59:16, 17; 61:3; 62:2, 6, 7; 71:3; 94:22; 144:2; Proverbs 18:10; Isaiah 26:4; Jeremiah 16:19; Joel 3:16; Nahum 1:7)

### How to hide.

1. God directs you.

- Through His Word, the Bible.  
(Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21)
- Through the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 26; 16:12-15; Romans 8:14)

2. Follow God's direction.

- Trust Him. (Psalm 37:1-6; 56:3, 4, 11; 91:2; 143:8; Isaiah 26:4; James 1:6; Hebrews 11:1-6)

- Ask Him for wisdom. (James 1:2-8; 1 Kings 3:9)
- Follow His way through the storm. (1 Kings 19:1-21; Psalm 4:8; Isaiah 26:3; Matthew 26:39, 42; John 14:15, 21, 27; 16:33; Romans 5:3-5; 8:35-39; Philippians 4:6-9; 2 Timothy 4:16-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:16; James 1:2-4; Hebrews 12:32-38)

### **In My Life This Week**

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Elijah understood God is the Almighty who is forever faithful to His people. He trusted God as his hiding place and experienced God's faithful protection. God is our refuge at all times. Personalize and memorize Psalm 62:8 this week. Read through some of the Bible's statements and examples about the times we can hide in God that are listed in the outline. Thank God that He is your shelter, at all times.

**Tuesday.** The Bible gives many pictures or images of God's protective care. God is your hiding place, shelter, refuge, rock, fortress, tower, stronghold. As you review some the Bible references in the outline, think about your circumstances (the good and bad), and tell God you know He is your protection in each of them. Have you been consciously realizing and depending on His protection? Thank Him.

**Wednesday.** The starting place to experiencing God as your hiding place is understanding that He directs you. It is not just them back then in Bible times, but also you now. We don't know all the ways God spoke to and directed Elijah and others, but we know that he directs us through the Bible. Read Psalm 119:104, applying it directly to yourself and everything you face today.

The Bible does not give us specific directions for every circumstance and choice. The Holy Spirit is within every believer to guide and lead us. Read John 14:16, 26; 16:12-15. Thank God for this great gift.

**Thursday.** God will lead you to shelter as you trust Him, ask Him for wisdom and follow His way through the circumstances you face (check the Bible references in the outline). Sometimes God protects us from and removes storms. Often He leads us through the storms. Make sure you have both of these in focus, not just the first one.

God's protection keeps us securely in our relationship with Him, enables us to grow in Christ-like character and experience His peace no matter how devastating the storms may be. God is faithful. So trust Him, seek His wisdom and follow Him today, and every day.

**Friday–Saturday.** Pastor Lyle will continue the series with be speaking on *God's faithfulness and our faith*. Review 1 Kings 17 – 19 as part of your preparation for out time together.