

bible declaration

A PLACE FOR YOU TO DWELL

Subject: God's Protection

Title:

There are several areas that I have based my preaching ministry upon.

1) I believe people need to be saved and in order to do so they need to hear the gospel from you. 2) I believe that God's promises are as much for us today as they were for those in the time the Scriptures were written and we need to accept that by faith. 3) I believe that a Christian is called to live a life of holiness that separates him or her from the world. I believe that a life lived in contradiction to any of these points will result in the lack of Holy Spirit power in your life and ultimately in the life of this church. Now, to a person, I can accurately say that you want to see true revival break out. I believe it is going to happen but not without changes being made in your life.

I want to share with you one really basic principle that will enable you, if you put it into practice, to live a victorious and power packed Christian life.

Christians need to stay filled with the Holy Spirit and empty themselves of the world.

Psalm 91

1Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. [a]

2I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Verse 1, He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Three things to look at here. Dwelling, shelter and rest.

DWELLING

talks about living in a certain place. Do you live in the shelter of the Most High or do you just visit there on Sunday mornings?

ITS A PLACE OF SHELTER.

It is a place for you dwell out of the storm. God's shelter doesn't keep the storms from coming, but it does keep you from being washed away by the torrents that will come.

ITS A PLACE OF REST. How much time and resources do we spend trying to find the right vacation place or the right hideaway? We all look for a place to get away from the hustle and bustle of life. Sometimes you just have to leave and go somewhere. Jesus said, "Come unto Me and I will give you rest." I'm not saying that it is wrong to take a vacation. I'm saying that if you abide in the shelter of the Lord you will always find rest

IT'S A PLACE OF BATTLE. Verse 2 tells us that the Lord is a refuge and a fortress. Webster's dictionary defines fortress as a military stronghold. Does that tell you what takes place in the life of every Christian? There is a continual battle raging.

IT'S A PLACE OF PROTECTION. You have a refuge to protect you from the enemy.

Proverbs 18:10 "10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."

Psalms 24:8, "8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle." Abiding in God affords us protection that we could find nowhere else. The Lord is mighty in battle because the victory has already been given to us.

Abide -def --accept or act in agreement with

If you make the Most High your dwelling; If you constantly dwell in His presence; If you are living in and for Him and not in the world; If you are constantly thinking about your relationship with Him and rejoicing(praise) in your position in Him.

THERE IS FREEDOM IN DWELLING

GALATIANS 5:1

1It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

GALATIANS 5:13

13You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh [a] ; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

closing

we are to dwell with him

once we know he is a shelter, a fortress, a refuge, and a place of rest.

we experience freedom

we were made to be free