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**"Sukkot: You are My Hiding Place"**

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**Devotion and Discussion Questions**

## **Key Texts: Psalm 62, 32, 91**

Today is the **first day of Sukkot**, the Feast of Booths, a time overflowing with themes of joy, gratitude, and remembrance. Every year, we step out of our comfortable homes and into a **frail sukkah**—a temporary structure meant to remind us of a powerful truth: our true security has never come from walls, roofs, or what we've built with our hands. It has always come from the Lord Himself.

In Leviticus 23, God commanded Israel to live in sukkot for seven days *"so that your generations may know that I had the children of Israel dwell in sukkot when I brought them out of Egypt. I am Adonai your God."* This physical act of stepping into a fragile shelter was a spiritual declaration: **the Lord is our fortress, our hiding place, our shelter in the wilderness**. Just as He covered Israel with a cloud by day and fire by night, He remains our dwelling place today—not just in the past, but in the wilderness journey of this life between redemption and promise.

Sukkot reminds us that what matters most is not perfect outward details but the **heart of trust and dependence on God's presence**. Our homes, our bodies, our structures are temporary. But He is permanent. He is sure. He is our Hiding Place.

### **1. ONLY IN HIM DO WE FIND TRUE SECURITY" (PSALM 62:1-8)**

Psalm 62 is filled with the Hebrew word **אֶחָד (akh)**, meaning "only," "surely," "certainly." Over and over, David declares what is *certain*: *"Only toward God does my soul wait in stillness... surely from Him comes my salvation."* (v. 2 TLV). In a world full of instability and threats, David anchors his heart not in walls, armies, or strategies—but in the Lord alone.

He says, *"He alone is my rock and my salvation, my strong tower—I will not be moved."* (v. 3). Notice the progression: earlier he says he will not be "greatly shaken," but later declares he will "not be shaken." As his focus sharpens on God's character, his confidence grows. Sukkot is about this very shift. We step into something flimsy to remember Someone firm. Our sukkah will sway in the wind. Our bodies will age. Circumstances may quake. But **the Rock of our salvation never moves**.

Meanwhile, David contrasts God's certainty with human schemes: *"They only plot to topple him... they bless with their mouth but inwardly they curse."* (vv. 5-6). The enemy's intentions are singular—destruction and deception. God's intentions are singular—salvation and stability. So where will we lean? On the fragile walls of the sukkah or on the everlasting arms of Yeshua? On shifting human words or God's unshakable promises? When we wait on Him, we find a stillness the world can't counterfeit.

### **2. HE IS OUR HIDING PLACE IN THE FLOODS (Ps. 32:6-7)**

Psalm 32 gives us this beautiful invitation: *"Let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found. When great floodwaters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; You will protect me from distress; You surround me with songs of deliverance."* (vv. 6-7). Here's the picture: when the floodwaters come—and they will—those who hide in Him are preserved. Not because their structure is waterproof, but because **God Himself is their shelter**. He says in verse 8, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will give counsel—My eye is on you."* When we hide in Him, He doesn't just cover us—He guides us, watches us, and sings over us.

Sukkot teaches us to step out of what seems “secure” in the world—our wealth, plans, houses—and step under the flimsy roof that lets in rain and starlight, to remember that **our true covering is His presence**. When distress rises like a flood, we don’t panic. We run to the Hiding Place. We pray while He may be found. We cling to the One who surrounds us with deliverance songs when the storm rages.

### 3. UNDER HIS WINGS WE REST SECURE (Ps 91)

Psalm 91 begins with this powerful image: *“He who dwells in the secret place of Elyon will abide in the shadow of Shaddai.”* The word for “secret place” is סֵתֶר (*seter*), the same word used in Psalm 32 for “hiding place.” To dwell there is to live in God’s concealment—under His shadow, covered by His wings. *“I will say of Adonai, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’ For He will rescue you from the hunter’s trap and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge.”* (vv. 2–4).

This doesn’t mean we’ll never face hardship. In fact, verse 15 says, *“When he calls on Me, I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will rescue him and honor him.”* God doesn’t promise to remove us from the tight place (בִּצְרָה, *b’tzarah*)—He promises to be *with us in it*. His presence turns the wilderness into a place of protection, the storm into a sanctuary. Like Israel camping in the desert, surrounded by enemies and elements, our safety is not in our camp but in His presence at the center. Under His wings, the frailty of the sukkah becomes irrelevant, because His faithfulness is armor and shield.

### CONCLUSION

Sukkot calls us to step outside the illusion of self-sufficiency. It calls us to leave our strong walls, step into a temporary shelter, and declare: *“Lord, You are my hiding place.”* The sukkah is not our safety; He is. Our bodies are temporary; His salvation is eternal. Our plans are fragile; His purposes are firm. Some of us have been leaning on the sukkah—on the temporary. On wealth, health, or control. But today, God invites you to lean fully on Him. To step under His wings. To trust in His strength and love. To be still, and know that He is God.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does dwelling in a sukkah during Sukkot help us remember our dependence on God in everyday life?
2. What does the repeated word “only” in Ps 62 reveal about where David placed his confidence?
3. In times of personal “floodwaters,” how can you run to God as your hiding place?
4. How does Psalm 91 reshape your understanding of God’s protection during hardship?
5. Which “temporary shelters” (e.g., finances, routines, health) have you leaned on more than the Lord, and how can you shift that trust today?

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**Abba, our Shelter and Strength,** We thank You that You are our Hiding Place. You cover us with Your wings. You are our fortress in the wilderness, our strong tower when the storms rise. Forgive us for leaning on fragile structures instead of resting in You. Teach our souls to wait only for You, to trust in Your salvation, to hide in Your presence when the floodwaters come. Surround us with songs of deliverance. Fill us with peace under Your wings. This Sukkot, may our hearts dwell in Your presence—not just for seven days, but always.

In Yeshua’s mighty name, **Amen**.