

June 9th – A Place of Protection

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”
(Prov. 18:10)

In the city I live in, there is an old fort called James White’s Fort. I can remember taking field trips there as a child. From our studies in school we learned that a fort is a place of protection. As a youngster I can remember standing outside the walls of the fort and thinking of how hard it would be for an invader to get inside. That’s because the walls of the fort are made of long, individual branches that have been cut down to a sharp point at the end. No one would attempt to cross the wall.

Today’s verse tells us that God is like that old fort – only much better. “The name of the Lord is a strong tower.” The very name of God itself is a refuge for the children of God. When we’re in the midst of despair and tempted to be afraid, we can all on the name of Jesus and find the help we need. This verse reminds us that God is our protection. He is forever a strong tower that we can run to when we need to seek refuge from our enemies and from our main adversary the Devil.

When others are spreading rumors and lying about your integrity, run to God and He will protect you from the verbal assaults. When sickness and disease ravage your body, run to God and you’ll find out that He is the Great Physician. When family or friends have betrayed your confidence, run to God and discover that He’s a friend that sticks closer than a brother (Prov. 18:24). This life is spiritual warfare. Don’t fight by yourself – find refuge in the very name of your Protector.