

# God, Our Mighty Refuge

Text: Psalm 27

1. Refuge -- *high place, secure height, retreat, stronghold of God*
2. Throughout history, man has searched for a refuge that he can have and hold.
3. David acknowledges that it is God (*and only God*) who gives him this true refuge.
4. This morning we are going to look at some reasons why David knows that God is his refuge.

## I. God As Light, Salvation and Strength (v1)

- a. As light He guides us along the path towards eternity.
  - i. *Likened unto a mountain climber on a narrow path leading to the summit*
  - ii. *Likened unto a ship going through a mine field during times of war.*
  - iii. *Likened unto a patrol in enemy territory with only a map showing the safe route to take.*
    1. God has given us the map which is His Word in His Scriptures.
    2. The map for a safe route to salvation is found in the New Testament and IN Jesus Christ
- b. As our salvation He protects us from, our enemies.
  - i. Our Rock of Salvation (2 Samuel 22:3,47 Psalms 18:2)
  - ii. Our salvation and strength (Psalms 37:39; 40:16)
- c. As our strength He can and will lift us up when we are weak.
  - i. As our strength and fortress (Jeremiah 16:19)
  - ii. Strength in weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9)

## II. God As our Confidence (v3)

- a. We have assurance from His promises made and kept and will keep. (Acts 13:16-23)
- b. As the Creator He knows the future and what it holds (*we can count on that*) (1 Corinthians 2:9)
- c. A hope of a better life at the end of our journey here on earth. (Ecclesiastes 3:11 AMP)
- d. A peace and joy that the world does not have. (Philippians 4:8; 1 Peter 1:8)

## III. God as our Protector (v5-9)

- a. The Scriptures describe some of the protection that God has given mankind.
- b. Through providence – (*Literally means foresight, but is generally used to denote God's preserving and governing all things by means of second causes*)
  - i. God's providence extends to the natural world (Psalm 104:14; Psalm 135:5-7)
  - ii. God's providence extends to the affairs of men (1 Chronicles 16:31; Psalm 47:7; Proverbs 21:1; Job 12:23)

iii. God's providence extends to the affairs of individuals (1 Samuel 2:6; Psalm 18:30; Luke 1:53; James 4:13-15)

#### **IV. God as our Teacher (v11-13)**

- a. Of The Way (John 14:6)
- b. The plain path (Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 42:16)
- c. Of deliverance (1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Peter 2:4-9)
- d. Against false teachers and doctrines

#### **V. God as our Staying Power (v14)**

- a. Waiting upon the Lord (Micah 7:7; Zephaniah 3:8)
- b. The One who gives us endurance (Mark 13:13; James 5:11)
- c. **The One who gives us courage**
- d. The One who strengthened us. (Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 6:10)

#### **Conclusion:**

1. **Yes, today we can have our Mighty God as our Refuge when:**
  - a. **We consider Him as our Light, Salvation and Strength**
    - i. **For without Him we are nothing and all is in vain**
  - b. **We rely on Him in confidence**
    - i. **Assured that He has the answer to our problems**
  - c. **We rely upon Him as our Protector.**
    - i. **Our Rock in a time of storm**
    - ii. **Calming the storms and uncertainties in our lives**
  - d. **We rely upon Him as our teacher**
    - i. **He has the answers of who we are, why we are here and where we are going.**
  - e. **We rely upon Him for our power**
    - i. **It is He who supplies our all (Acts 17:28)**
2. *Today you can have this refuge that David talked about in Psalm 27 by; believing that Jesus is the Christ (John 8:24), repenting of your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38), confessing His Name before men (Acts 8:37), being immersed for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38) and remaining steadfast until the end (Acts 2:42).*