

When an animal enters a wildlife reserve, it is under protection. Inside the reserve, no hunter can touch it because it is under the law of the land — the park belongs to the government. Within that boundary, there are rangers watching over it day and night. However, if that same animal leaves the reserve — even by a short distance — it exposes itself to danger. Hunters can now freely attack and kill it because it is no longer under protection.

That is how it is for us who are in Christ.

As long as we remain inside the refuge of God, Satan cannot harm us. But the moment we step out of that divine boundary, we expose ourselves to his attacks.

*“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”*

— Psalm 91:1

The “secret place of the Most High” represents that divine refuge — the place of obedience, holiness, and fellowship with God.

Whoever lives there enjoys divine covering. The devil may roar outside, but he cannot enter that sacred zone.

*"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."*

— Proverbs 18:10

The Name of the LORD here represents Christ Himself — the refuge of the righteous.

When you are inside that tower, sin cannot rule over you, fear cannot dominate you, and curses cannot touch you. But if you walk away from that place through disobedience or carelessness, you have left your safety behind.

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BEWARE OF STEPPING OUTSIDE GOD'S COVERING

There are many who once walked in God's will but later turned aside. They started living in compromise, in the love of the world, in secret sin — thinking they still had God's protection. Yet, outside the boundaries of holiness, there is no safety.

*"He that breaketh a hedge, a serpent shall bite him."*

— Ecclesiastes 10:8

The hedge is God's protection. When you break it — through rebellion, bitterness, or immorality — the serpent (Satan) gains access.

Sometimes God warns His children before they step out of His will — through the Word, through dreams, or through servants of God — but if they ignore His voice, they soon find themselves wounded by the enemy.

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HOW TO REMAIN WITHIN GOD'S REFUGE

1. Stay in the Word of God.

Constant meditation and obedience to Scripture keep your spirit in alignment with God.

*"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."*

— Psalm 119:11

2. Live a life of prayer.

Prayer maintains your connection with heaven. When you cease praying, you drift away from the covering of grace.

*"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."*

— Matthew 26:41

3. Walk in holiness and obedience.

Obedience is the gate that keeps the refuge closed to the enemy. A single act of rebellion can open a door for destruction.

*"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land."*

— Isaiah 1:19

4. Avoid ungodly company and worldly influences.

Evil associations slowly draw believers out of God's boundaries.

*“Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.”*

— 1 Corinthians 15:33

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A FINAL WARNING

Outside God's refuge, there is nothing but danger. Satan hunts for those who wander away.

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”*

— 1 Peter 5:8

Do not let pride, sin, or discouragement pull you out of God's covering. Stay in Christ — the true refuge — where peace, safety, and eternal life abide.

*"Abide in me, and I in you... for without me ye can do nothing."*

— John 15:4-5

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Lord Jesus, thank You for being my Refuge and my Fortress. Forgive me for every time I have stepped outside Your will. Today, I choose to return to You completely — to abide under Your shadow, to walk in obedience, and to live in holiness all my days.

Keep me within Your covering until the end.

Amen.

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