



- Up Words # 25

"HIDING PLACES"



Can you remember some of your favorite hiding places? Remember that spot in your attic or basement or closet where no one ever seemed to find you when playing hide and seek? Pretty neat to be able to be hidden out of sight!

So, did you ever try to hide from God? Where can you go? David marveled at God's omnipresence when he writes in Psalm 139:7-10, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me." And Proverbs 17:3 reminds us that "The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests hearts."

But think too of what it is to be hidden with God. Nothing truly awful can happen to those who are protected by Him. David said, "Hear my cry, O God; Give heed to my prayer. From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a refuge for me, A tower of strength against the enemy. Let me dwell in Your tent forever; Let me take refuge in the shelter of Your wings. Selah. (Psalm 61:1-4). And Psalm 95:7 reassures us that "He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."

With God there are no hiding places; that convicts me. Then too, with God I am safely hidden; that comforts me!

Looking Up!

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