



~ Fleeing For Refuge ~

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There are times in my life when I face real life situations that challenge my faith. These situations can come on me at a moment's notice – usually when I'm knee deep in some direction of ministry God called me to do. The fears and feelings of being out of control will often accompany these times and cloud out the direct presence of God.

My first reaction during these moments is to reach out for God in the midst of the darkness – to find Him in the middle of all the chaos and somehow regain my footing and hold on Him. Each time, I find Him there - His strong arm catches mine, reminding me of His love and His word. It's in moments of trial like these that the promise in Hebrews 6 really becomes real to me. In the midst of any situation, I realize the beauty of what God has given us and the hope that we have.

“Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.” – Hebrews 6:17-18

When God made a covenant to His people, He made the promise by the highest standard – Himself. Because we know the character of God is faithful and true, we know He cannot lie. Therefore, His promise to us gives us comfort in two ways – His actual word of promise and His nature. Because God by nature is truth, we can be secure in His promise. God doesn't want us to doubt His covenant to us. He wants us to know it's sure, so He went the extra step to base the promise on Himself.

God knows that in this life, His people would be in need of “*strong consolation*”. Another way to say strong consolation would be “*powerful comfort*”. Knowing that God's promise is based on His nature should give us this comfort when we need it most. God has given us the highest promise He can give – one based on His nature so we can have the comfort we need in any situation. This shows the beauty of the heart of God for His people.

There are times when I literally feel the need to flee to God for refuge from trials I face. The comforting thing for me to know is that is what God wants me to do. *“But I will sing of Your power; yes, I will sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning; For You have been my defense And refuge in the day of my trouble.” – Ps. 59:16* I am not to face the enemy alone. I am not to stand defenseless. His promise becomes a refuge for me to which I flee to.

And the reason I run to God for refuge is to lay hold of the hope He has laid before me. *“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.” – Hebrews 6:19-20* Through Jesus I receive the fullness of God’s covenant for me. Jesus stands before the Father all day, every day so that I can have direct access to His promise. My hope can be renewed and strengthened by His grace, and hope abounds in His sacrifice for me.

God’s people are to know that they are not alone. Not only that, they are to realize there is protection and shelter from the enemy. When the storms of life and the lies of the enemy seem to turn you to and fro, you can take strong comfort and flee to God for refuge as you cling to His promise to you. You can take comfort that there is hope in Jesus and that what God has promised is true. It still stands. That is wonderful news! Whatever storm or problem you are facing, take comfort and flee to Jesus for refuge, laying hold of His promise to you. His covenant will not fail. You have hope!

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