

God is...

Our Refuge

Our View of God

- Our view of God shapes what we believe and how we live our lives.
- God Reveals His character and nature in His Word.
- Psalm 46: a correct view of God allows us to move beyond fear.
- While God can remove us from the trials/storms, He often is a refuge, strength or help in the midst of the trials/storms.

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Psalm 46:1 **God is our refuge** and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me **a fortress and a refuge** in the day of my distress.

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Refuge: shelter or protection from danger.

Someone or something we can turn to for assistance and security.

Similar Images:

A Fortress (*Psa 46:7*), A Rock (*2 Sam 22:2-3, Psa 31:2*),

A Shade (*Psa 91:1*), Sheltering Wings (*Psa 57:1; Psa 36:7*)

A Shield (*Gen 15:1; Psa 3:3*)

Taking Refuge in God

Psalm 7:1 O LORD my God, **in you do I take refuge**; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me,

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, **in whom I take refuge**, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

2 Samuel 22:3 my God, my rock, **in whom I take refuge**, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence.

Taking Refuge in other things...

Psalm 52:7–8 ⁷ “See the man who would not make God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches and sought refuge in his own destruction!” ⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

Psalm 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

What Do We Take Refuge in?

What do you rely on when life gets difficult?

diversions & addictions

What things do you put your hope in? What do you think will make life better?

politics, promotions and possessions

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