

A Hiding Place

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- I. We constantly live with things that affect our life in ways that we do not even notice. One of those things is wind.
 - A. Wind turns the windmill.
 - B. Wind causes the flag to fly in the breeze.
 - C. Wind brings the rain that greens the grass.

- II. Like many things the wind is ignored unless it acts in an obtrusive way.
 - A. Have you ever tried to stop the wind. It is impossible to stop. Jesus said as much in John 3.
 - B. Wind goes through tiny crevices that very little could penetrate. Our home! Wind has an impact - comfort, utility bill.
 - C. Our greater concern is the more powerful affects: tornado, hurricanes
 1. Storm in Southeastern Springfield six years ago.
 2. Storm along the Natchez Trace ten years back.

- III. Finding shelter from the storm - Leaving church after a mid-week service a few years ago. Any place to hide!

- IV. Isaiah 32:1 *Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.* 2 ***And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.***
 - A. You only need shelter from the wind when it is a tempest. When it is blowing gently it isn't necessary to find a hiding place.
 - B. Like - as: Sometimes it feels that factors far beyond our control are wrecking havoc in our life?
 1. Things happen that are such a force against you that you cannot begin to deal with them.
 2. Sometimes it seems that overwhelming odds are against us.
 3. The turbulence of the day is of such extreme force that we cannot prevail against it.

- V. The wind of Euroclydon - Acts

- VI. Ill winds may blow us to a hiding place.

VII. Psalms 17:8 Hide me under your wings.

A. As a hen doth gather her brood, but ye would not.

1. 27:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. **5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.**
2. Pavilion was a booth of entwined vines! Tabernacle refers to “hut.” He is going to hide me.
3. Several verses refer to “the secret of thy presence.” Psalms.

(Spies hiding at the harlot’s house.
David’s men hiding in the well.
David hiding within the cave.)

B. A man shall be: Not money - not education - not possessions - not talent - not beauty - not human wisdom - a man shall be . . .

This truth is described in a poem that was discovered in the pocket of Major John Andre after his execution during the Revolutionary War. It was written in his death cell, so these words are literally a dying man's testimony:

"Hail, Sovereign Love, which first began
The scheme to rescue fallen man!
Hail, matchless, free, eternal grace,
Which gave my soul a Hiding Place!

Against the God who built the sky
I fought with hands uplifted high--
Despite the mention of His grace--
Too proud to seek a Hiding Place.

Enrapt in thick Egyptian night
And fond of darkness more than light,

I madly ran the sinful race,
Secure, I thought, without God's grace.

But the eternal counsel ran:
"Almighty Love, arrest that man!"
I felt the arrows of distress,
And found I had no Hiding Place.

Indignant Justice stood in view;
To Sinai's fiery mount I flew;
But Justice cried with frowning face,
"This mountain is no Hiding Place!"

Ere long a heavenly voice I heard,
And mercy's angel soon appeared;
He led me, with a beaming face,
To Jesus as my Hiding Place!

On Him almighty vengeance fell,
Which would have sunk a world to Hell;
He bore it for a sinful race,
And thus became their Hiding Place!"