

"He that dwelleth in *The Secret Place Of The Most High* shall abide under the Shadow of the Almighty." *Psalms 91:1 KJV*

What could possibly destroy a mountain? You immediately think of an earthquake. The earthquake may shake the mountain, but the mountain still stands. There would be no reason to fear anything that could come against you. The mountain affords protection to those who hide in it. Inside of the mountain is a place of peaceful refuge. But not even a mountain is as secure as a man's own thoughts. None enters there without permission! It is a secret place that only you may enter. Thought precedes and produces every word and deed of all time. It is the most secret place of any soul on earth. Now, think with me a moment: God's Thoughts are such a place made even more secure by His Immutability and Omnipotence! He has revealed His "Secret Place" to His Beloved in His Written Word and it is there we may find the "Peace that passeth all



understanding!" A man commissioned two painters to paint the embodiment of the word "Peace." Later they brought their work to him. The first painter threw off the covering to reveal a wondrous scene of a tranquil sunny forest glade with deer grazing, butterflies flitting, and flowers blooming. It was most inviting. The man turned to the second painter saying, "It's going to be hard to top that." The painter removed the sheet to reveal a scene of a raging storm with angry waves thrashing and boiling against the rocks at the base of a cliff. The man exclaimed, "That's not peaceful!" "Wait!" said the painter, "Look!" He pointed to a small spot on the canvass, and there, nestled in a cleft of the rocky cliff face was a small bird with its head under its wing; sleeping peacefully in the midst of the storm. The man stood speechless. We have nothing to fear from the storms of life as long as we take refuge in the Cleft Rock of our Salvation; God's Word made flesh, our Lord Jesus. By virtue of His Word embedded in our hearts and minds we can dwell in the "Secret Place of the most High. My God is the ROCK of my refuge." We can rest at Peace in the absolutes of God's Word. Jesus was crucified for our sins that we might be forever safe from the storm of God's Wrath. Oh, the wicked may think there is no recompense, but they forget, this life is but a vapor, and God has the Power to resurrect them and make them suffer for eternity in the Lake of Fire!

The Secret Place of God above,
Is in the Cleft of His GREAT Love,
For those abiding in that Cleft,
Of Life Eternal ne'er be 'reft. -CGP

We are safe in Jesus no matter what may come our way, including death. Believers do not even have to fear death. We will only pass through its shadow as the Almighty guides us safely home. If we are "*absent from the body*" we are "*present with the Lord*," because God is an Omnipresent Spirit. There is no place in space and time He is not! He is with you this very moment! "*Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou Knowest it altogether.*" You can't even hide your thoughts from God! This is a comfort to the obedient and a terror to the defiant. Can you outwit someone who knows what you think? Not hardly! Neither can evil harm your eternal soul if you are safe in Christ; not even death!

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy Rod (correction) and Thy Staff (protection) they comfort me." Psalms 23:4 KJV