

Maple Springs Baptist Church

Series: GOD is here.

Week 7: Life in the Refuge

David's life-giving theme—"GOD is" our refuge. Psalm 7:1; 9:9; 16:1; 18:2; 141:8.

Hide in a place where you are loved by GOD, invited by GOD, accepted by GOD, befriended by GOD, known by GOD, chosen by GOD, and valued by GOD.

Refuge is the result of His glorious presence in your life.

What happens when we place all of our life in the refuge of GOD's presence?

- **Joy.** Joy is the happiness of having GOD. (ROMANS 8:38-39).

If GOD is our source of joy, then you will always have a reason to rejoice. The cravings of your heart can always be satisfied with the promises of GOD.

- **Hope.** You can go through almost anything as long as you have hope. But we often misuse that word. Think of the common ways we use hope—"I hope _____ . . ."

Hope is the guarantee that GOD will be there for your tomorrow (Psalm 46:1).

- **Peace.** The word for peace means "to be whole." When you have everything you need to rejoice right now, you have arrived at shalom, peace.
- **Fearlessness.** If GOD is your refuge and strength, an untouchable and ever-present help in trouble, what might you be afraid of? Answer: No one and nothing. **The more you fear GOD, the less you fear everything else.**
- **Gratitude.** When good health, good friends, and good days are standing, thank GOD that He gave you even more than the refuge you need. **Psalm 103:2-5**

TRUTH: When everything in life is falling apart, run and take shelter in the presence of GOD. (PSALM 90:14).