



## To Desire Safety

**T**o feel safe is one of life's rudimentary desires; all of us want to feel safe. God desires for us to feel safe and his word has provided the means to do so. Have you ever noticed an internal voice, albeit slight and nagging, begging for safety? That's normal, especially during a crisis. We need to satisfy that need no matter when it appears; we need to affirm that it is safe. In case you didn't know, that voice is your subconscious talking. What better way to affirm safety then by using God's word. In difficult times, affirm to yourself that safety abounds . . . and tell yourself why.

(Lev 25:18-19 KJV) Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. {19} And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.



If God did this in the Old Testament for his people, wouldn't it stand to reason that he'd do at least the same for his Christian family? The answer is a resounding *yes*.

(Lev 26:3-5 KJV) If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; {4} Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. {5} And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and

dwell in your land safely.

If God's people walked in his statutes, and kept his commandments, they had nothing to fear.

(Deu 12:10 KJV) But *when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety;*

Entering the Promised Land provides us with a distinct parallel to living the more than abundant life. They had safety in the Promised Land; we have safety in the more than abundant life. We've all come out of life's deserts and are flourishing because of the Christ in us. We have been made safe.

(Job 3:25-26 KJV) For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I

# To Desire Safety

was afraid of is come unto me. {26} I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

Fear destroys the safety of safety. Remove the fear, and the assurance returns.

(Psa 4:8 KJV) I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

God is the only one who can make us dwell in safety. There isn't safety in any other entity.

(Psa 12:5-6 KJV) For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety from *him that puffeth at him*. {6} The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

We don't need to fear the puffers. God's Word declares that we will be safe, and it can be trusted.

(Psa 33:17-19 KJV) An horse *is* a vain thing for

safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength. {18} Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; {19} To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

We are not to trust in worldly might; it won't deliver us at the time we need it most. If we revere him and his ways, God will watch over us. He will deliver us from death and will keep us alive in famine.

(Psa 119:117 KJV) Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

Love and live God's word. God will hold you up and keep you safe.

(Prov 1:33 KJV) But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Make God's will your own. You shall dwell safely and you shall be quiet from fear of evil.

(Prov 18:10 KJV) The

name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.

We can always call on God, and we can always use the name of Jesus Christ. Run to do so and you will be safe.

(Prov 21:31 KJV) The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle: but safety *is* of the LORD.

No worldly might is guaranteed to overcome evil battles. God's safety is ready and able to deliver you.

(Prov 29:25 KJV) The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be **safe**.

Don't allow worldly fears to snare you; trust in the Lord and use the name of Jesus Christ.

(Ezek 28:26 KJV) And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about

# To Desire Safety

them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God.

God did this for them; shall he not also do so for us? We should welcome God's care.

(Phil 3:1 KJV) Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous [okneros – irksome, slothful], but for you *it is* safe [asphales – secure, certain, sure].

Time and time again, we find ourselves returning to the safety of God's word. It is never a waste of time.

(Phil 3:2 KJV) Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers [including evil teachers], beware of the concision [mutilators demanding that Christian men be circumcised].

There are many things that we are to beware of, but never the Word of God. Return to it day in and day out. It will never be a waste of time.

(1 Th 5:2-4 KJV) For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the

Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. {3} For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. {4} But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Our safest moment will begin with the day of the Lord, the beginning of God's outpouring of wrath. Christians will not have to endure this wrath. We will be removed to forever be with Christ. We are ready, we are prepared. What a safe time that will be.

Much love in Christ.

Jerry D. Brown