

always be a public area that is vulnerable to .. attacks."

In a world where violence and terrorism may strike anytime, any place, where can we find security? Where can we be safe?

The Bible says that our security is not in human protection but in God Himself. The book of Psalms contains more than 40 references to taking refuge in the Lord, many of them from David's experience of being pursued by his enemies. In his prayers for help, he centred his hope in the Lord: "You have been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; for God is my defence, my God of mercy" (Psalm 59:16-17).

God doesn't guarantee to protect us from difficulty and physical harm, but He does promise to be our refuge in every situation. In Him we find real security. —

*Though danger lurks on every side,
In Christ our Lord we will abide;
Our God is strong, our hope is sure—
In Him alone we are secure! —Fitzhugh*

No one is more secure than the one who rests in God's hands.



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Finding Security

**You have been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble. —
Psalm 59:16**

Security at airports is certainly tight these days. Someone said that individuals should be screened before entering an airport terminal. But a consultant on airport security said, "If you move the checkpoint, all you're going to do is push the problem to another part of the airport. There will





People

God is Too Merciful to Let Me Sink

Ephesians 2:1-10 leads us to make 3 statements relating to God's mercy in our lives:

1. Our _____ is sin, Ephesians 2:1-3



2. Our _____ is salvation, Ephesians 2:4-9

(Exodus 34:6-7) "And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, {7} "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation. ""

(Hebrews 2:17-18) "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. {18} For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."

(Psalms 103:8) "The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy."

(Titus 3:5) "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,"

(Joel 2:13) "So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm."

(Luke 18:13) ""And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'"

(Psalms 119:132) "Look upon me and be merciful to me, As Your custom is toward those who love Your name."

(Luke 1:50) "And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation."

(1 Peter 2:10) "who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy."

(Psalms 56:1) "Be merciful to me, O God, for man would swallow me up; Fighting all day he oppresses me."

(Psalms 57:1) "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by."

(Luke 18:38) "And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!""



(James 5:11) "Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord; that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful."



3. Our _____ is knowing God, Ephesians 2:6, 12-13

(Psalms 119:76) "Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant."

(2 Chronicles 5:13) "indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,"

(Ezra 3:11) "And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever toward Israel." Then all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid."

(Psalms 59:17) "To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense, My God of mercy."

(Psalms 106:1) "Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."

(Matthew 11:28-30) ""Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. {30} "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. ""



"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."

(James 4:8) "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. ..."

