

"Shelter in Place"  
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Note: Unless otherwise noted, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

**Shelter in Place**

*I hear the Spirit of the Lord say to the church you are my beloved. I am with you always. Draw close to me and I will keep you from the snare of the enemy.*

*(Over the last few months, I have heard the phrase "shelter in place" several times on the news.)*

*I hear the Lord say to the church that we are sheltered safely in him.*

"From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings" Psalm 61:2-3 (KJV).

*I hear the Lord say that He is our true shelter and He is our safe place. Shelter in Him!*

"Shelter-in-place" means to take immediate shelter where you are—at home, work, school, or in between. It may also mean "seal the room;" (CDC)

**How to Shelter in Place**

Psalm 91:1-2 "Whoever dwells in the **shelter** of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my **refuge** and my **fortress**, my God, in whom I trust." (Emphasis added.)

**The Lord Is My Protector.**

Psalm 91:1 "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

- Dwells = H3427 – To sit down, to remain, to inhabit
- Rest = H3885 – to stop, to stay permanently, to remain, to dwell, to abide

"Those who go to God Most High for safety will be protected by the Almighty" Psalm 91:1 (NCV).

**Take Refuge and Rejoice**

"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you" Psalm 5:11 (ESV).

“We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him” 1 John 5:18 (ESV).

### **The Lord Is My Place of Safety.**

Psalms 91:2 “I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe” Proverbs 18:10 (ESV).

“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe” Proverbs 29:25 (ESV).

“Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity. Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely” Psalm 141:9 (NKJV).

### **The Lord Is My Deliverer**

Psalms 91:3 “Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.”

Psalms 34:17 “The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.”

1 Corinthians 10:13 “No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”

No rut is so deep you can’t leave it.  
No dream is so lost you can’t retrieve it.  
No pain is so great you can’t endure it.  
No sin is so bad God can’t cure it. --Gerald Mann

### **The Lord Is My Shelter**

Psalms 91:4 “He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.”

Colossians 3:3 “For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.”

Psalms 119:114 “You are my refuge [hiding place] and my shield; I have put my hope in Your word.” (Comment added.)

### **The Lord Is My Peace**

Psalms 91:5-6 “You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.”

- The peace that Jesus gives is not the absence of trouble but is rather the confidence that He is with us.

“You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock” Isaiah 26:3-4 (ESV).

“Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all” 2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV).

“Faith came singing into my room, and other guests took flight: Fear and Anxiety, Grief and Gloom sped out into the night. I wondered that such peace could be, but Faith said gently, ‘Don’t you see? They really cannot live with me.’” (anonymous)

### **The Lord is my Confidence.**

Psalm 91:7-8 “A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.”

Psalm 55:22 “Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.”

Psalm 32:10-11 “Many are the woes of the wicked, but the Lord’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart.”

Closing:

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