



From the Pastor's Desk:

We thank and praise God for bringing us into this new month – October 2015.

Our promise for this month is:

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He shall hide me;
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Psalm 27:5 (NKJV)*

God also blessed all of our worship services in September. Please continue to pray for all our services in Irvine, Rancho Cucamonga, Woodland Hills and Las Vegas. Also pray for our children's ministry, youth ministry and continue to uphold the Connecticut ministry.

Upcoming Events/Special Worship Services:

- **Fasting Prayer** : Saturday, October 3rd in Irvine from 10:00am to 3:00pm.
- **Dress Up for Jesus**: Saturday, October 24th & Sunday, October 25th in Irvine and Sunday, October 25th in Woodland Hills.
- **Connecticut Worship Service**: Friday, October 30th in Connecticut between 7:30pm – 9:30pm. At the Charles N. Enes Community Center, 150 Nevers rd., South Windsor, CT. Opposite South Windsor High School.

Please check our website (www.throneofgrace.us) for timely updates on all our worship services and meetings. Also we encourage you to download our app (Throne of Grace) on your iPhone. iPad and android device. All of our Irvine and Las Vegas services can be watched live and other services are uploaded on YouTube.

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Sometimes God’s children go through troubling times in their life, during those times our God will hide us in His pavilion and save us. In the Bible we see many God’s people who went through troubling times and how God protected and saved them. In this month’s promise message we are going to see a few of the people from the Bible and how God hid them in His pavilion and lifted them up.

1. Daniel

*“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”
Daniel 6:22 (NKJV)*

In the book of Daniel chapter 6. we see Daniel went through times of trouble (lion’s den). Who is this Daniel? The Bible says:

- He was a man who purposed in his heart to not defile himself (Daniel 1:8)
- He distinguished himself over the governors and satraps (Daniel 6:3). He was a man in authority.
- He was a man with an excellent spirit (Daniel 6:3). He was an anointed man.
- He was a man of prayer. He knelt down on his knees three times everyday and prayed and gave thanks (Daniel 6:10).
- He was a man with no fault (Daniel 6:4).

A man like Daniel, a man of good character and attitude had to go through times of trouble. The trouble that Daniel had to go through was not a physical battle but battle in the spiritual level. In Daniel 6:5 we read:

“Then these men said, “We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God.”

From this verse we can understand that the governors and satraps were trying to get Daniel in trouble because of his prayer/spiritual life. Even in our life because of our spiritual walk we may have to go through some troubling times but we have a God who hides us in His pavilion and saves us.

In this spiritual warfare, Daniel did not try to overcome using his physical authority, even though Daniel was in a powerful position in the kingdom he did not use his authority and position to deal with the problem. The scripture says that Daniel in the midst of his trouble prayed three times just like he used to (Daniel 6:10). Daniel recognized the spiritual battle and started dealing with his troubles through prayer and he started to strengthen himself in prayer. Daniel handled his troubles correctly, he served God continually (Daniel 6:16). To overcome the spiritual battle we need to strengthen ourselves in spirit. We can receive this strength in our spirit through prayer, praise and worship. Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, but God sent an angel to shut the lion's mouth (Daniel 6:22). No harm came to Daniel because he believed in God (Daniel 6:23).

In this place the faith that Daniel had in God became his pavilion, his hiding place that is why no harm or hurt came to Daniel.

*“who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,”
Hebrews 11:33 (NKJV)*

The hiding place that Daniel was in – his faith, kept the lions from harming Daniel. After that because of Daniel the name of God was glorified throughout the land (Daniel 6:26-27). In Daniel 6:28 we read that “..Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian”. God poured out His favor over Daniel. During Daniel's troubling times, He hid him in His pavilion and raised him up.

Even in your life, the trouble that you are going through will bring glory to the name of God and you will be favored at the end. Just like Daniel hold onto the hiding place – your faith and keep spiritually strengthening yourself.

2. Joseph

*“Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.”
Genesis 37:18 (NKJV)*

Here we see that Joseph went through times of trouble because of his own family, his brothers were conspiring to kill him. The scripture tells us that Joseph was a man with God given dreams. The reason for the troubling times was he was carrying the plans of God.

*“Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, ‘Some wild beast has devoured him.’ We shall see what will become of his dreams!”
Genesis 37:20 (NKJV)*

From this verse we can construe that the brothers were against the plan of God and they said, "We shall see what will become of his dreams!" (Genesis 37:20). When the brothers tried to kill Joseph, they threw him in a pit and did not kill him because of Reuben (Genesis 37:22). In this place for Joseph the pit was his hiding place which God used to protect him and His plan in his life. Even though the pit was uncomfortable it was where God preserved him and kept him safe. But God did not keep him there for long, his brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites because of Judah and they took him to Egypt. God kept changing Joseph's hiding place, now his hiding place was with the slave traders and even that was uncomfortable but had he remained in the pit too long he would have died. God kept preserving Joseph through it all and through all the troubles God's plan for Joseph was being fulfilled and He was turning things favorable for him. After Joseph went to Egypt he had to go to the prison but it was in the prison that he met the cup bearer and God used that situation to fulfil His plan. In the end God took Joseph from being in the prison to the palace.

Even in your life, you may feel like you are going through trouble but God will change evil things as your hiding place and take you into a higher place. God kept Joseph in all situations and raised him, that same God is with you and He will protect and raise you.

3. Lot's family

"And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door."

Genesis 19:9 (NKJV)

Here we see in Sodom and Gomorrah, Lot's family also went through times of trouble. An angel of God came to save Lot and his family as he was getting ready to destroy the city. At that time the wicked people came and wanted to harm the angels and Lot stood against the people and because of that the people wanted to harm Lot too. At that time the messenger pulled Lot in and struck the people with blindness (Genesis 19: 10&11). The scripture tells us that the people got tired looking for the door of the house. Even in the chaos God kept a hiding place for Lot. Even in your life you maybe in the midst of confusion but God will keep you safe in a hiding place in the midst of your situation, He is a shelter for you and your family. Do not be afraid.

I want to finish this promise message with a few more promises:

- Zephaniah 3: 15&16 (NKJV)

*“The Lord has taken away your judgments,
He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
You shall see disaster no more.
In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
“Do not fear;
Zion, let not your hands be weak.”*

- Isaiah 43: 1&2 (NKJV)

*“But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel:
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by your name;
You are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned,
Nor shall the flame scorch you.”*

**May His word be a blessing to you and your family in this month.
God Bless You.**