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Psalm 18:17; He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me.

THE LORD IS MY SHELTER

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Almighty Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You and bless You Lord, for being our shelter from the sinfulness of this world. Lord may Your Love, Grace, and Mercy, help us during these times of spiritual darkness. Father, please keep us vigilant and discerning in matters concerning the snares of the evil one. Lord, please continue to help us to stay in Your Holy Presence. Father, please continue to be our Spiritual Shelter through the trials and struggles of life. Father, I ask this prayer in the name of Your Son and our Savior, Christ Jesus....Amen.

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This month's inspired Word of the Lord has to do with God's Shelter! What is a shelter? A shelter is something beneath, behind, or within which a person, animal, or thing are protected from storms, missiles, adverse conditions, protection from blame or incrimination, etc. Also, a shelter is a dwelling place or home considered as a refuge from the elements. However, a spiritual shelter is different from a regular shelter. A spiritual shelter is a spiritual covering we all need, to protect ourselves from Satan and his legion of demons. Without God's Shelter, we are all like sitting ducks. Why are we like sitting ducks? We are all like sitting ducks because, our desire to live in God's Presence, goes against the grain of the world, the flesh and the devil. Also, *sin, fear, uncertainty, doubt*, and numerous other forces are at war within us. These forces are not "flesh and blood" they are demons in which Satan has control over. They are not mere fantasies –they are very real. We face a powerful army whose goal is to defeat Christ's Church. When we believe in Christ Jesus, these beings become our enemies, and they will try every devise to turn us away from Christ and back to sin. Because Satan is constantly battling against all who are on the Lord's side, we need a supernatural power to defeat Satan. By having "*God's Supernatural Shelter*", the peace of the Lord moves into our hearts and lives to restrain these hostile forces, and offers comfort in place of conflict. That's why we all need God's Shelter to help us cope with life's darkness. When we wish that God would quickly rescue us from our troubles, remember that He can either deliver us or be our support as we go through them. Either way, His protection is best for us. When we feel as though we are drowning in troubles, ask God to help you, hold you steady, and protect you. In the Lord's loving care, we are never alone or helpless. Some people think that belief in Christ is a crutch

for weak people who can not make it on their own. God indeed is a shield to protect us when we are too weak to face certain trials by ourselves, but He does not want us to remain weak. *The Lord strengthens, protects, and guides us in order to send us back to an evil world to fight for Him.* Then He continues to work with us because the strongest person on earth is infinitely weaker than God and needs His help also. When we call upon His name, He will shelter, protect and save us from all our enemies. However, God doesn't promise to eliminate challenges; instead He promises to give us strength to meet those challenges. If God never gave us no rough roads to walk, no mountains to climb, and no battles to fight, we would not be able to grow spiritually. *The Lord does not leave us alone with our challenges!*

Instead He stands beside us, teaches us, and strengthens us to face them.

It is written in **Psalm 121:7-8** [The Lord will keep you from all harm-He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.](#) God also said in **Deuteronomy 33:12** [“Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in Him, for He shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rest between His shoulders.](#)

When we trust in Jesus wholeheartedly, we will take refuge in Him. Trust in Christ, is much more than a matter of your words; it is mainly a matter of our will. As we go through each day, we will encounter many things that can make us anxious including some of our thoughts. If we don't stay alert, anxious feelings can slip into our day without us noticing them. When this happens, you may wonder why you suddenly feel spiritually bad. Usually we will try to ignore those feelings. Or we may try to numb them with food, drink, television, gossip or other distractions. How much better off would we be to catch the worry thoughts, before they take hold of us. The Bible tells us to, [“Be on the alert!”](#) If we are watchful and alert, we can choose to take refuge in the Lord's Shelter. Whenever anxiety comes at us, God's Shelter will provide protection and refuge: a safe haven. It is something we can turn to for help, relief, or escape. The Lord is very eager to be our shelter, and He is with us at all times. Nonetheless, we must exert our will, by turning to Jesus for His help in times of trouble and need. Thus we make Christ our refuge, demonstrating our love and trust for Him alone. Last but not least.

The Holy Bible tells us in **Psalms 57-1** [Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trust in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have past by.](#) It is also written in **Job 11: 18-19**; [You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. You will lie down with no one to make you afraid, and many will court your favor.](#)

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, it is my hope that this month's inspired message will help us all recognize our need for God's Shelter. Satan is real and his temptations are very strong and consistent. His ultimate goal is to reek havoc, and destroy our eternal souls. The only chance any one of us have, is to stay connected daily to **God's Shelter!!** Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, please keep us safe under Your Shelter Lord. Father, may we draw closer to Your Divine Light. Father, may we all stay connected to Your Holy Presence. Lord, please teach more and more about Your Will for our life. Father, please help us through Your Holy Spirit to stay committed to Your eternal plan. Lord, I thank You always for your Love, Grace and Mercy, in Jesus name!!



Jesus Calling
By Sarah Young

SPENDING TIME alone with Me is essential for your well-being. It is not a luxury or an option; it is a necessity. Therefore, do not feel guilty about taking time out to be with Me. Remember that Satan is the accuser of believers. He delights in heaping guilt feelings upon you, especially when you are enjoying My Presence. When you feel Satan's arrows of accusations, you are probably on the right track. Use your shield of faith to protect yourself from him. Talk to Me about what you are experiencing, and ask Me to show you the way forward. ***Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to Me, and I will come near to you.***

Revelation 12:10; Ephesians 6:16; James 4:7-6



GOD'S PROVERBIAL WISDOM FOR JUNE 2011

Proverbs 18:2; [A fool finds no pleasure in understanding but delights airing his own opinions.](#)

Proverbs 17:5; [He who mocks the poor shows contempt for his Maker; whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished.](#)

Proverbs 14:14; [The faithless will be fully repaid for their ways, and a good man will be rewarded for his.](#)



THE MINISTRY'S DAILY PRAYER LIST

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Theresa Wade and family, Janelle Owens, Bill Schlupp, Christine Palma, Ed Young, Anne Marie Hess, Sal Talamo, Jonathan Baker and family, Patty Palma, Al Wilson and family, Joy Valeri, Dennis Wilkinson, Joe Lakes, Denise Lathrop and family, Dennis E. Palma, Bernice Gibb, Terri Chando, Joe Magee, Sandy Tesi.

A Hopeful thought. Vaclav Havel once wrote that hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless how it turns out!

A Closing inspirational thought. In **Philippians 2:12-13,15** it is written; [Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act accordingly to His good purpose.....that you may become.... children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe.](#)

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