

Hid in the House of God.

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We are called to dwell in the house of the Lord, to cultivate a life hid with Christ in God, and to experience the benefits of God's presence.

Scripture: Psalm 27:4, Psalm 84:10, Psalm 91:1, Isaiah 26:3, John 15:4, Romans 8:39, Ephesians 6:11, Colossians 3:3, Hebrews 10:25, 1 Peter 5:8

Topics: "Safety in God", "Dwelling in God's Presence"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the safety and security found in dwelling within the house of God, using the example of young Joash who was hidden from danger under the care of Jehoiada. He illustrates that being in God's presence is akin to being a jewel in a casket, providing invulnerability against the enemy's temptations. Meyer encourages believers to remain in this sacred space, warning against distractions that could lead them away from their refuge. He highlights the profound joy and beauty experienced by those who choose to live in the house of the Lord, where they can encounter divine fellowship and assurance. Ultimately, Meyer calls for a life that is hidden with Christ in God, emphasizing the blessings that come from such a commitment.

Transcript

Hid in the House of God. 2 Chron. xxii. 12.

SAFE from Athaliah, who would have ruthlessly destroyed him if she had had an inkling of his existence, the Young Joash was reared beneath the care of Jehoiada and his wife within the precincts of the house of God. He was hidden in the secret place of the Most High, and abode under the shadow of the Almighty. There let us also live. Let us know what it is to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our life, and all this day. Let us cultivate the life which is hid with Christ in God.

It is well often to remind ourselves that we are in God, and that the film of his envioning presence is about us like a wall of thick‑ribbed steel. We are in Him as the jewel in the casket; as the chick under the feathers of the hen; as the child in the warm embrace of its mother. And so long as we stay there we are invulnerable. Therefore our great enemy is continually endeavouring to allure us into the open; he knows he can do as he likes with us, if only he can induce us to venture beyond our hiding‑place. Therefore, beware of any temptation to worry, to amass this world's goods, or to seek the indulgence of appetite; it is by such lures and baits that Satan seduces unwary souls from their safe hiding.

If a day in God's courts is better than a thousand, what must it be to dwell in the house of the Lord all one's days, to behold his beauty, and enquire in his temple. The rarest visions, the fairest fellowship, the most entrancing joys, the most confident outlook on life, and the hereafter, are the accompaniments of such a residence. The altar of incense, the laver of dairy cleansing, the light of the Shekinah, the holy psalm and song, the great altar of sacrifice, are familiar objects to the hidden soul.

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