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WHAT IS THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH?

We read about it in Psalm 91:1 where it says:

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 KJV)

The bible gives us other names for this special place. One of those names is shelter:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1 NIV)

It also calls this special place a “tent” and “the shelter of your wings”.

I long to dwell in your tent forever and to take refuge in the shelter of your wings. (Psalm 61:4 NIV)

He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge. (Psalm 91:4a)

So we know from these scriptures that this special place in the Lord is called the secret place, a shelter, the shadow of the Almighty, His tent, and His wings. I believe the Word also refers to it as “the hills” in Psalm 121:1

I will lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2 NIV)

In Psalm 27:4 this special place with the Lord is referred to as “the house of the Lord” and “his temple.” In verse 5 it is referred to as “his dwelling”, the “shelter of his tabernacle” and “a rock.”

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4 NIV)

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. (Psalm 27:5 NIV)

We also believe we can understand the secrets of the Lord because it tells us in Luke 8:10

The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables... (Luke 8:10 NIV)

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE WHO WENT INTO THE SECRET PLACE WITH THE LORD

Daniel

This is what Daniel did when disturbing news came to him:

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. (Daniel 6:10 NIV)

David

Here are some of David's words from the Psalms:

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1)

One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!” Your face, Lord, I will seek. (Psalm 27:8)

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23:6)

Anna

She spent time with the Lord day and night:

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asker. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. (Luke 2:36-37)

Moses and Joshua

Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses...the Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. (Exodus 33:7-11)

Jesus

Jesus...withdrew again to a mountain by himself. (John 6:15)

After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone. (John 14:23)

PERSONAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LORD ON PRAYING SCRIPTURES

One morning during my Quiet Time (time set apart to spend with the Lord in Bible Study, prayer, and writing) the Holy Spirit told me that reading and decreeing/proclaiming Scripture that He had given me was like opening a portal over me so that He and I could connect there. He told me to do this every time I was under spiritual attack, discouraged, felt I was a victim, or needed encouragement. He said He would never leave me and that He would always talk to me. This is His way of strengthening me in the tough times. I am to do this each morning to start off my day. He said that doing this, and trusting and resting in Him, opened the way to allow Him to work out His plan in my life and His plan for what I am to do.

A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOUR SECRET PLACE WITH THE LORD

In my own experience I have sought the Lord in the secret place from a special chair, which I call my Quiet Time chair. I sit in this chair when I want to come close to the Lord and talk to Him and hear Him speak to me. This chair has been in my possession and has been moved from location to location over about 25 years.

When I sit in this special chair I look up and see a cross on the wall, which is a reminder that “I am crucified with Christ, and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

I also look up and see on another wall the words that my daughter put there: “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.” (John 14:6)

WHAT I DO IN THE SECRET PLACE

Begin and end your day there and go often during the day to reconnect with the Lord on a deep level. Stay there until you connect with the Lord and He talks to you and you talk to Him.

I seek the Lord there—often by addressing Him with words from The Lord’s Prayer. I start with “Our Father who art in heaven” as a way of greeting Him, and then I wait until He greets me back. He will usually say something like: “yes My daughter” or “I am here”. Then I say “hallowed by Thy name” and this is a time for me to praise Him and thank Him and worship Him. As I continue through the rest of the prayer, this gets me “in tune” with or “connected with” the Lord.

Sometimes I find it helpful to read His Word until I get connected with Him.

When I am connected, then I am ready to begin doing two things: listening to what He wants to talk to me about today and asking Him things I have questions about. We dialogue this way for as long as it lasts – the time varies from day to day.

Then He usually has me go to my computer and write the things we have talked about.

The Lord has told me this place, this chair, is like a “portal” for me where I can meet Him and hear Him. If I become distressed about something, I am to go to this special place and seek Him there.

TIMING FOR BEING IN THE SECRET PLACE

If I get connected with the Lord early in the morning, then He and I converse throughout the day from this special place within me where He dwells. I do not necessarily need to go to that special chair, but just stop whatever I am doing, focus on Him, and return to that “secret place.”

So each time someone wants me to seek the Lord for an answer to something, I purposely stop whatever I am doing, turn off whatever I was listening to (like TV, CDs, etc.) and get quiet. I ask the Lord to “sprinkle me with His blood” and I say, “I draw near to you, Father, and ask You to draw near to me.” (James 4:8) Then I focus on the Lord until I again know this special connection, and then I can ask Him for the answer.

Sometimes He gives me the answers. Sometimes He is silent and I get no answer (which is an answer of silence). Sometimes He says He doesn’t want to answer that question. Sometimes He says He wants to tell the person seeking the answer and not tell me.

WAITING ON THE LORD IN THE SECRET PLACE

There are many, many scriptures that entreat us to wait on the Lord. So we know it is very important to Him for us to wait before Him. Here are a few:

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:4)

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. (Habakkuk 2:1)

For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:3)

Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land. (Psalm 37:34)

Wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you. (Proverbs 20:22b)

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. (Isaiah 40:31)

Those who hope in me will not be disappointed. (Isaiah 49:23b)

The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. (Lamentations 3:25-26)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

“Therefore wait for me; declares the Lord, “for the day I will stand up to testify.” (Zephaniah 3:8)

Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. (Luke 12:35-37a)

But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8:25)

RESOURCES I RECOMMEND ABOUT THE SECRET PLACE

Secrets Of The Secret Place by Bob Sorge

The Secret Place by Dr. Dale Fife

Praying The Word In The Secret Place by Joan Royer (on my web site at www.DoveMinistry.net)