



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 35 – God’s Love is Our Shelter
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God’s love is our shelter.

Shelter: a place of safety and protection.

Deuteronomy 33:27

²⁷ *The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

“God, change this situation, but more importantly, change me!”

Psalm 56:4

⁴ *In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?*

Nothing or no one on earth can harm me in the shelter of God’s arms!

We should have a God-focused look at trials instead of fear-focused.

Resting in God’s shelter requires choosing love over fear.

Fear is the opposite of love.

1 John 4:18

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love.*

Fear compels us to react.

Love compels us to run into the shelter of God’s arms.

Fear is reactive – Love is proactive.

Psalm 27:1-6

¹ *The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?*

*The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

² *When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,*

*it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.*

³ *Though an army besiege me,*



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*my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.
⁴ One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.
⁵ For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the **shelter** of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.
⁶ Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.*

***When you call out to God by default, you have the power of the Holy Spirit.
But if you give in to fear, you are simply subject to the power of fear.***

Psalm 61:1-4

¹ Hear my cry, O God;
listen to my prayer.
² From the ends of the earth I call to you,
I call as my heart grows faint;
lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
³ For you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the foe.
⁴ I long to dwell in your tent forever
and take refuge in the shelter of your wings.

God is calling and searching for me.

El Shaddai – God Almighty, The Self-Sufficient One

God Most High, God Almighty, The Self-Sufficient One, The Mighty One, our refuge, and The All-Sufficient One - all we need to sustain us.

Psalm 91 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Safe and Secure

¹ *When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai,
you are hidden in the strength of God Most High.*



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² He’s the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me,
the only God for me, and my great confidence.

³ He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy,
and he will protect you from false accusation
and any deadly curse.

⁴ His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you.
You can run under his covering of majesty and hide.
His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.

⁵ You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night
nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.

⁶ Don’t fear a thing!

Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you,
nor will the powers of evil launched against you.

⁷ Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed,
you will remain unscathed and unharmed.

⁸ you will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgment,
for they will be paid back for what they have done!

⁹⁻¹⁰ When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High,
our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm.
How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us?

¹¹ God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go,
defending you from all harm.

¹² If you walk into a trap, they’ll be there for you
and keep you from stumbling.

¹³ You’ll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness,
trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

¹⁴ For here is what the Lord has spoken to me:

“Because you have delighted in me as my great lover,
I will greatly protect you.

I will set you in a high place, safe and secure before my face.

¹⁵ I will answer your cry for help every time you pray,
and you will find and feel my presence
even in your time of pressure and trouble.

I will be your glorious hero and give you a feast.

¹⁶ You will be satisfied with a full life and with all that I do for you.
For you will enjoy the fullness of my salvation!”

