

THE HIDING PLACE – PART I
“Rescue Me From My Enemy”
Psalm 143

When we face difficult situations in life, which we all do, we need a place to go that is safe. We need a person to talk to that is a good listener and understands our pain. We need a shelter that provides us with protection that can sustain us through danger. All these things can be found in God because he is “the hiding place.” Today’s teaching will reveal how God can be our hiding place.

#1. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE ONLY THROUGH GOD’S _____, vv. 1-2

- A. Admit my need for mercy
- B. Admit my fallen condition, Gal 2:16, Rom 3:20
- C. Admit God intervenes through his covenant faithfulness & righteousness

#2. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE WHEN WE HAVE A CORRECT VIEW OF GOD’S _____

- A. God is faithful & righteous, v. 1
- B. God’s works reflect his goodness toward us, v. 5
- C. God never abandons us, v. 7
- D. God extends unfailing love (*hesed*) to us, vv. 8, 12

#3. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE WHEN WE OPENLY SHARE OUR _____ WITH GOD, vv. 3-6

- A. The external threat – the enemy pursues me, vv. 3, 9, 12
- B. The internal reality – my spirit grows faint, my heart is dismayed, vv. 4, 7
- C. The recollection of God – remember, meditate & consider the works of God
- D. The desire for God – I spread out my hands, I thirst for you

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#4. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE WHEN WE ARE _____, vv. 7-10

- A. Show me the way I should go – I entrust my life to you
- B. Rescue me from my enemies – I hide myself in you
- C. Teach me to do your will – you are my God
- D. Lead me by your good Spirit – on level ground

#5. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE WHEN WE ARE _____ FOR GOD’S PRESENCE, vv. 6-8

- A. My soul thirsts for you
- B. Don’t hide your Face from me
- C. I put my trust in you
- D. Bring me your unfailing love
- E. I entrust my life to you
- F. I hide myself in you

#6. WE STEP INTO THE HIDING PLACE WHEN WE REALIZE OUR TRIALS ARE FOR GOD’S _____ AND _____, vv. 11-12

- A. Our trials are to magnify God’s name’s
- B. Our trials expose God’s righteousness and unfailing love
- C. Our trials become lessons for other people

NOTES:

ANSWERS: Grace, Character, Feelings, teachable, Desperate, Glory, Someone Else.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe how we all have an enemy after us.
2. Why is it important to approach through his grace?
3. Explain the fallen condition of mankind
4. Why is it important to have a correct view of God's character?
5. What is God's unfailing love (*hesed*)?
6. What observations can you make about the way Jesus spoke to his Father? (Mark 14:36)
7. In what way(s) do trials become teachable moments?
8. When David said "I hide myself in you" what did he mean? (v. 9)
9. Why is it important to have a sense of holy desperation in our relationship with the Lord?
10. What did David mean by "for your name's sake"? (v. 11)
11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance & Forgiveness

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Psalm 32:7

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will begin a new teaching series in the Psalms titled "The Hiding Place." The first message is from Psalm 143.

We will be gathering at the Lord's table this morning to celebrate all the blessings we have in Christ.

BAPTISM

Immediately after the service everyone is invited to the Hallsten's home to celebrate Tiffany's baptism. 804 Machado Lane, Roseville

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED IN THE HALLOWEEN OUTREACH

We appreciate everyone who helped make Tuesday's outreach successful.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK – NOVEMBER 19

After the service we will have our Thanksgiving potluck to celebrate God's blessings and enjoy the fellowship of God's people. Bring a dish to share

ONLINE GATHERINGS

The Prayer Meeting: Tuesday at 7pm with Pastor Tim Brooks

The Bible study: Wednesday at 6:30 – 7:45pm with Pastor Bruce. Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access either gathering. If you have a need for prayer don't hesitate to call Pastor Tim Brooks at (916) 872-5207 or email: timnealbr@gmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com). Consider giving to the building fund so we can continue to upgrade our facility.

Our debt is around \$19K, which we would like to eliminate ASAP. Would you prayerfully consider giving a little extra to pay off the loan so we can be debt free and avoid paying interest.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hillcrest Church please indicate your interest by signing up and we will set a date for the class.

THANKS FROM BRUCE AND CAROL

We deeply appreciate your encouragement, gifts and expressions of love during pastor's appreciate month. We are honored to serve you.