

## The Place of Refuge

*Scripture reading:* Psalm 91:9-10

I always used to wonder, “How can Brother Wilkerson give such words about destruction of New York and yet remain there?” Have you ever noticed it? He would give a word that New York was going to be destroyed; he saw the destruction going into New Jersey and yet he was sitting down right there in the middle of it. Why didn’t he move? But he finally gave us the reason - he believed God would put the shadow of His protection over certain people.

I remember one time a brother came to a certain place and prophesied over that place that it was a place of refuge. It means that the shadow of the Almighty will cover His people at midnight, in the darkness. But you must believe it! You may be sitting beside someone who is in the Holy Place or Holy of Holies while you are in the Outer Court. God said to leave the Holy Place and run for the Holy of Holies! That is why we sing “*flee to the mountain top.*” You could be sitting down beside someone in the Holy Place but if you are in the Outer Court, you will be wiped out and the person left sitting there.

I never forgot what happened to us in Nairobi, Kenya. We were there when the terrorists put a bomb in that government building and blew the whole building out. Only skeleton of it was left. But guess what? There was a desk that was left in the center of the room; everything else was gone only one desk sitting down there. That night we went to church and here comes this sister. She had a little scratch on her forehead. She was praising God because she had been sitting at her desk when the bomb blast killed everybody else around her; she was left alive. Amen.

I am saying that God is mighty to save. God is able, glorious, but guess what? You have to be in the Holy Place, you have to be in the Holy of Holies, the place of refuge. Do you know why? The place of refuge is obedience to the Spirit. If the Spirit of God tells you to run and you say, “Oh, no, I’ll sit down, God will take care of me,” then you are a goner; you are in the Outer Court. Do you understand? So then, the people who are righteous are not righteous because they are better than the other people who are not righteous. They are righteous because they are obeying God and the other person is not obeying God.

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