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***Your Position, Part 14 -
Enjoying the Privilege of your Position In Christ***

How can we enjoy what God has provided?

Most of the Church has a general understanding of the provisions of God’s gift, and Christ’s redemption.

There are some within the body who do not know about the blessing, favor, and richness of God’s gift.

God wants to be the shepherd, caretaker, protector, healer, provider, and Lord of our lives.

It is hard for us to rightly appreciate what that means.

If He is my Shepherd

David says I shall not want.

If He is my Protector

I shall be safe and not be destroyed

If He is my Healer

I shall be healed, He is my Healer.

If He is my Provider

I shall I lack, His supply is endless.

If He is Lord of my life

Who shall harm me?

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1 Peter 5:6-7 NIV Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

It is important for us to learn to trust Him.

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Romans 12:1 NIV Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

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To enjoy the Privileges of our position in Jesus Christ, we must develop an attitude of total dependence and reliance on the Lord.

This has always been man’s dilemma.

From the Garden of Eden, through the Exodus, into the dispersion, into the Gospels, and throughout the Church, man has had difficulty with this.

God has always, continually, wanted to be our source, provider, and provision.

Psalm 125:1-2 NIV Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people both now and forevermore.

The Ancient Psalmist knew that God is above us and around us.

He knew that God is underneath us, and holds us up.

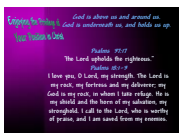
Psalm 37:17 NIV “the Lord upholds the righteous.”

Psalm 18:1-3 NIV I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

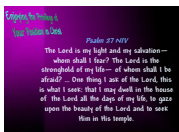
The Psalmist has the right idea in Psalms 27 and Psalms 91

Psalm 27 NIV 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? ... 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.

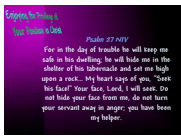
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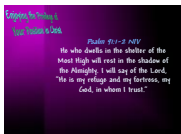
For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock... My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

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Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior... I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord

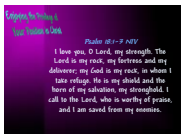
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Psalm 91:1-2 NIV He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

The Psalmist says God is everything he needs.

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Psalm 18:1-3 NIV I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.

The Psalmist has made a distinction toward his God.

He is his Lord

He is his keen and firm strength

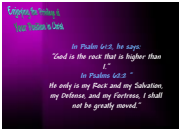
He is his Rock

He is his Fortress

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*His Deliverer
His Shield
The Stronghold of my life
His Helper
His Savior
His Refuge*

In Psalm 61:2, he says: “God is the rock that is higher than I.”

In Psalms 62:2 “He only is my Rock and my Salvation, my Defense, and my Fortress, I shall not be greatly moved.”

This is what our testimony should sound like.

God has become my strength and security.

When the enemies come...

When the waters of adversity rise...

When the strong forces of evil come...

We can climb up on the rock that is Higher than we are.

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This is what Jesus Christ did when He redeemed us from destruction.

He stooped down to pick us up.

He brought us back into fellowship with the Father.

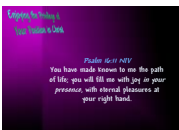
He restored us.

He made everything right.

How can you enjoy the privilege of this position?

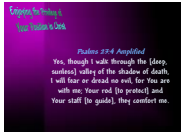
The Psalmist has made this very clear.

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Psalm 16:11 NIV You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

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When trouble comes, you must know the path to His presence.

The Psalmist knew that God was His only help.

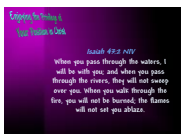
Psalms 23:4 Amplified Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

You know that circumstance of life will change.

Troubles will come.

Valleys will become dark and deep.

#16



Isaiah 43:2 NIV When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

#17



We must change our plans.

Nothing is going to keep me from pursuing the Lord my God.

I will seek Him.

I will dwell in His presence.

I have been redeemed for this purpose.

Nothing that comes against me is going to keep me out or hinder my progress.

Even the gates of hell will not hold me back.

Nothing that happens will cause me to stop going after my God.

I will dwell in His presence.

I will find His joy is sufficient.

He will be my rock

*He will be my fortress
He will be my shield
He will be my protector
He will be my deliver.
He will be my tower
He will be the One who lifts me up
He will be my God.*

*My heart is fixed.
My focus is clear.
My resolve is determined.
My goal is God.*

*I will pursue Him.
He will help me.*