

## The Names of Love - Part 14 – Macheseh

Psalm 91:1-2, “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 Name of God in this passage is Macheseh; The Lord Our Refuge and Our Shelter.

As God gave instruction to Moses, He gave him the plans to build a Tabernacle. This would be a place that God could come and literally dwell with His people; in their midst; His dwelling place. This then gave rise to the name of God Machesh - Our Refuge. He is the one we can run to for safety and security. David again mentions this name in Ps 31:1, “In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness.”

Has there ever been a place where you felt safe and secure? A place where you could go and know that everything was going to be alright? For many years, David ran for his life from a King who wanted to kill him. He would hide in caves and in the cleft of the rock, and would write down his prayers as in Ps. 32:7 – “You are my Hiding Place; You will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.”

I recall as a young boy, a place that I could go and hide and feel safe. When I was there, I knew that no one could find me or hurt me. There were many times when I felt insecure or afraid, that I would crawl into the small opening, into the interior of that place, and feel the comfort of being secure and in a safe spot. Macheseh wants to be that place for you. He wants you to know that He is your Refuge, your Shelter, your Hiding Place.

In North Central Texas, we also experienced our share of violent storms including tornadoes. We had a storm shelter built underground out in the back yard and when these terrible storms would come, we would run to the shelter and go down into that place of safety and security. And, the storms would pass and we would be safe.

Would you run to Him and know that in His presence, you are safe and secure, protected from the evil one and able to dwell in the presence of God? He wants to be that for you today. Come home to Him. He is ever waiting to welcome you in. He is Macheseh, your Refuge and your Shelter.

Dear Macheseh, the LORD Who is My Refuge; I praise You today that You are my Hiding Place, my Refuge, my Shelter. I run to You today and place myself in Your loving and tender arms. You care so much for me. Thank You for being there for me, always. In Jesus Name, Amen