

From the Family Room

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SECURITY



We live within the shadow of the Almighty, sheltered by the God who is above all gods. This I declare, that He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I am trusting Him. For he rescues you from every trap and protects you from the fatal plague. He will shield you with his wings! They will shelter you. His faithful promises are your armor. Now you don't need to be afraid of the dark anymore, nor fear the dangers of the day; nor dread the plagues of darkness, nor disasters in the morning. Psalms 91:1-6

On April 10, 1912, the Titanic left Southampton, England to sail to New York City. 2,223 people felt secure on the superior “ship that could never sink.” On April 15, 1912 the Titanic sank in less than three hours after striking an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean. 1,517 people died. The security that passengers thought they had proved to be no security at all.

This reflects much of our life here on earth. We all want and need security as we journey through life. We often come in contact with “icebergs” that threaten to sink our lives. The things that have brought a feeling of security to our lives often prove to be unable to carry us safely through our journey and our security is gone. Maybe our security was a spouse or some other significant person such as a parent or grandparent that brought stability and security to our lives. Maybe it was material things that gave us a sense of ease and peace of mind –large savings accounts or stock portfolios, nice cars, big houses, beautiful fashion, etc. The truth is that if we define security in our lives and homes externally in things of this world, we will always be at the mercy of factors outside of our control. There is very little security in things of the world.

King David recognized the value of security found in faith in God. God loves us. He is faithful in His love for us. He is the eternal God. His love is everlasting. He is the all powerful God. When our security is founded on the foundation of faith in God's love, power, and faithfulness, external events of the world do not threaten our security. God is powerful enough to protect us in any situation. The security He provides is sure and everlasting.

Our children need security to develop properly. They need to know that they are safe at home. They need to know that their safe environment is stable. For this to happen, we must make our homes stable and safe. To accomplish this, we as parents and grandparents must first have our personal lives based on the foundation of faith in God. We must show our love to our children every day. It is helpful to set up routines for activities of the day. Children learn more when their day is somewhat structured. Routines have been shown to build the bond between parent and child. The strength of the bond between all family members is increased when the family sits down together to eat a meal at least once each day. A bedtime routine of a short Bible story, conversation and prayer is very effective in growing the faith of our children.

We should each ask the question – “Is my home sheltered and shielded under God's wings? Are we secure covered by His wings?” Let's all work to make our homes unsinkable through the security only God provides.

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