

A Safe Haven

“He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler”, Psalm 91:4.

In our Bibles we have two clearly defined ‘safe havens’. In the Old Testament God called them ‘cities of refuge’.

Joshua established six, by a command of God as the Israelites entered the Promised Land.

Three, Kedesh, Shechem, and Hebron to the west of the Jordan River, Joshua 20:7; three, Golan, Ramoth, and Bosor to the east of the Jordan River, Joshua 20:8.

In the New Testament there is only one, ‘faith in the Lord Jesus Christ’. Thus God is the refuge for his children in their times of danger, for Paul, writing to Timothy, said, “Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”, 2 Timothy 4:17-18.

There is an eternal city of refuge, and our Bibles name it as Heaven. How do we get there?

The first step for the Christian to enter the city of refuge, is to call out to God to accept our application of dependence on Him.

For many that will mean heaving our egotistic independence into God’s garbage bin,

The next step is emptying the self-will out, ' I will do it my way' attitude, and install the 'Follow Me' command. Jesus demonstrated this command so often as He sought His Father's Will through prayer.

It is also our first major step of dependance upon God

Jesus taught His Disciples in His suggested prayer format to ask for our daily bread.

Allow me to cite George Müller, 1805–1898, a Christian evangelist in England, who, in his lifetime, cared for 10,024 orphans.

He discarded his independence into God's garbage bin, and placed his dependance into a faith that God would answer his prayers.

One well-documented occasion, it states that they gave thanks for breakfast when all the children were sitting at the table, even though there was nothing to eat in the house.

As they finished praying, the baker knocked on the door with sufficient fresh bread to feed everyone, and the milkman gave them plenty of fresh milk because his cart broke down in front of the orphanage.

Jesus preached the way, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you", Matthew 6:33.

Regardless of the seeking you do, it will be your faith that will open the door to your eternal refuge, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Not of works, lest any man should boast", Ephesians 2:8-9.