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The Names and Attributes of God through the Lens of Worship (Part 6)

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
Welcome to the seventh edition of W.o.W. (Word on Worship)—the monthly newsletter from Teshua Ministries designed to inspire, equip, and deepen our understanding of true worship. Whether you are joining us for the first time or returning, we are delighted to walk this journey of worship with you as we seek to glorify God and grow stronger in faith.

This publication reflects the heart and mission of Dr. Janicka, founder of Teshua Ministries, who is passionate about helping believers experience victorious worship that transforms lives. We pray that each edition ignites a greater hunger for God's presence and empowers you to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Thank you for being part of the W.o.W. Word on Worship family. Let's continue this journey onward and upward to victory in Christ!

Blessings,
Teshua Ministries

In this newsletter:

Learn what it truly means to live a disciplined life of worship with Dr. Janicka

EXPLORING THE NAMES & ATTRIBUTES OF GOD THROUGH WORSHIP(PART 6)

Introduction

Today, our series studying the names and attributes of God through the lens of worship continues for the month of December. We are currently exploring the following: Jehovah: A Hiding Place, Jehovah-Jireh, Jehovah-Shalom, Jehovah: King of Glory, Jehovah: Living God, Jehovah: Refuge, Jehovah: Potter, and Jehovah: Redeemer.

The names and attributes of God characteristically influence worshipers in establishing a healthy spiritual foundation in Christian worship. Choosing to draw closer to God impels believers to want to understand more about WHO GOD IS, which is very valuable when examining the attributes of God in the life of a worshiper, more specifically in the areas of personal and corporate worship.

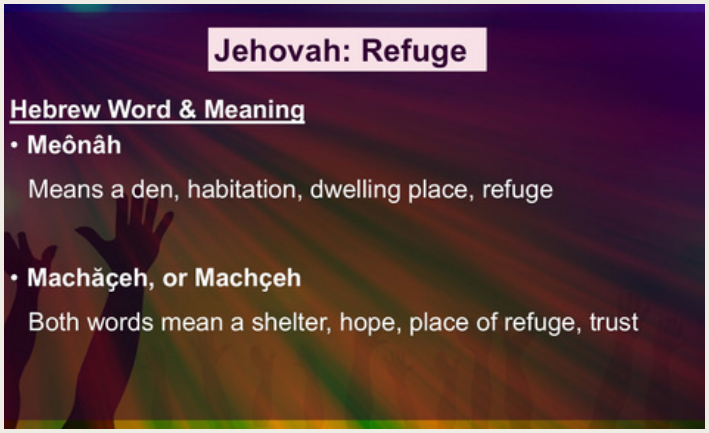
Let's explore what it means to recognize and reverence God as Jehovah: Refuge!

JEHOVAH: REFUGE
MEANING AND USE

The best examples of Jehovah as a refuge are found in the Bible books of Deuteronomy and Psalms. The Oxford American Dictionary defines the term refuge as a condition of being safe or sheltered from pursuit, danger, or trouble. Refuge is mentioned a few times in the Bible. For example, Moses knew Jehovah as a refuge. He knew this to be true even when he was on his deathbed in Deuteronomy chapter 33. Before his death, Moses spoke final blessings to the children of Israel. As part of his final words to the children of Israel, Moses said in Deuteronomy 33:26-27 (NKJV),

"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds. The eternal God is your refuge, And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, And will say, 'Destroy!'"

The children of Israel received assurance concerning their enemies. They were assured that God would actually ride the heavens for them. He would be a refuge for them in their time of need.



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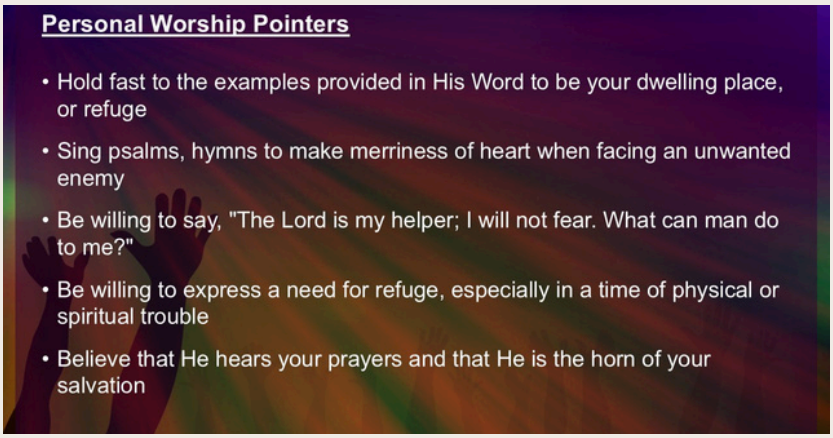
The Hebrew word for refuge in this verse is meônâh. This means a den, habitation, dwelling place, refuge **(The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: Dictionary of the Hebrew Bible).** One can understand why Moses would use such words. He had been with the Israelites from the beginning of their deliverance from Egypt. They were, in essence, losing a father figure. The Israelites were losing their mediator with God, their leader. They may have been wondering who would protect them. It is clear Moses wanted to quell their fears. Moses provided an answer for the Israelites. The answer was the eternal God being their refuge. In Psalm 91:2, 9-11 (NKJV), the word "refuge" is used again in reference to the Lord. It states,

"I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust"... Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways."

The Hebrew word for refuge in these verses is machăçeh, or machçeh. Both words mean a shelter, hope, a place of refuge, and trust (The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible: Dictionary of the Hebrew Bible).

Some theologians attribute Psalm 91 to have been written by Moses, though its authorship is unclear. However, what is clear in Psalm 91 is that there is a confession of confidence in the Lord, that one is assured not to fear evil, and that one is assured of protection from evil. The author depicts the Lord as a refuge and fortress, where no traps or snares will work. As a refuge, one is protected from arrows, pestilence, destruction, and plagues. The Lord even guarantees protection against rocks and harmful animals. Instead, the Lord promises shelter under His wings. The Lord is willing and able to be a refuge to those who trust Him. He promises to be a shield and buckler. Angels will watch over their charge and keep them from falling. The Lord makes a promise to be present, grant deliverance, honor, long life, and salvation.

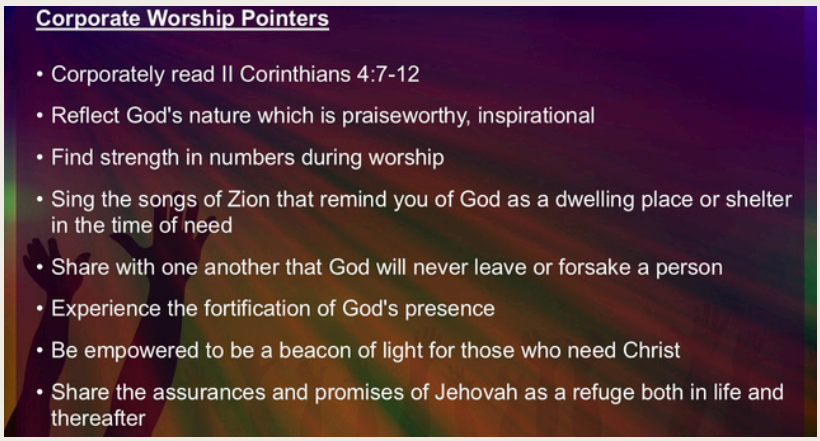
Personal Worship



The walk of a believer will encounter troublesome, if not perilous times. This will be due to one's belief in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Because of this, the times of personal worship with God will be an opportunity to hold fast to the examples provided in His Word to be one's dwelling place, or refuge. The singing of psalms and hymns, and the making of merriment of heart, will be beneficial, especially when facing an unwanted enemy. However, the words of Moses in Deuteronomy and the author of Psalm 91 provide a clear foundation of where and in whom to trust during a worshiper's greatest need.

During personal times of worshiping God, a believer has to be willing to emulate Hebrews 13:6 and say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" One can trust in God as a refuge at any time and in any place. God desires to be a refuge, and during personal worship, a person must be willing to express a need for shelter, especially in times of physical or spiritual trouble. Moses and the writer of Psalm 91 did not hesitate to seek God as a refuge. A worshiper would be wise to do the same during times of personal worship. This will help sustain one's walk and dedication to living life as a Christian, as well as in spreading the gospel. God hears the prayers of the righteous, and He is the horn of our salvation. Jehovah being a refuge to a believer is a good thing, and He will not withhold it from a believer who desires Him as a refuge during personal worship.

Corporate Worship



George Knight, author of **The Names of God**, states, "With God as our refuge, we have nothing to fear from those who seek to do us harm. Even in death, there is no safer place to be than in the arms of the everlasting God. "When gathering for public worship, there must be an opportunity to encourage one another. This encouragement is needed during worship, especially when the Word of God makes it clear that a believer will not always escape harm. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 4:7–12 (NKJV), *"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed- always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body, for we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you."*

This Scripture is not an opportunity for fear but for gathered worshipers to find strength in numbers during worship. Worshipers gathered together need to sing the songs of Zion that remind one another of God's presence as Jehovah: Refuge, who is a dwelling place or shelter in the time of need. God said that He would never leave or forsake a person. This becomes especially true when Christians who are gathered together experience the fortification of God's presence, empowering them to be a beacon of light for those who need Christ. Corporately, worshipers have the assurances and promises of Jehovah as a refuge both in life and thereafter.

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Let's Pray...

Father God, in the name of Jesus, we thank You for Your Word that assures us that You will always cover, shelter, and protect us in our time of need. Thank you, Lord, that You have orchestrated our lives to be surrounded by Your presence, assuring us every day that You are our refuge. Knowing You are Jehovah, our refuge, we can choose to rest in the knowledge that You, Lord, are our shield and dwelling place, where we can always safely abide. Amen!

Join us **February 2026** to explore the meaning of God as Jehovah: Potter!