

Shut the Door



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In the midst of a time of volatility and upheaval, how are God's people to respond? If you have confessed Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you need never fear. Those who are in Christ are forever sheltered by the blood that Jesus shed for them and this truth is the cornerstone of our faith. It will determine everything we think and all we do regardless of what is going on around us.

Paul assured the believers in Rome, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, *we shall be saved from wrath through Him*" (Romans 5:8-9).

What are God's people to do when the world is barraged with bad news? When markets rise and fall and the world becomes paralyzed with fear? God gives his children a hiding place: "Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past" (Isaiah 26:20).

When you are distressed — overwhelmed, laid low by affliction, concerned about the future — God says there is a place of comfort where we find composure for our souls. This secret hiding place is a chamber in your mind which Isaiah describes this way: "[The Lord] will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You" (Isaiah 26:3).

When the Lord tells us, "Shut the door," he is showing us the need to shut out the many troubling voices in our heads. We are to close the door to all thoughts about tomorrow and about world events. The Lord who has faithfully brought us this far will not fail us in the days ahead.

God be praised! He is our hiding place in times of crisis and his faithful promises are our shield of protection. Cling to them!

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