

# A Refuge in Uncertain times

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Text: Prov.14:26,27

Thot: A Refuge in uncertain times

Intro. No telling in light of all taking place in the world today, what tomorrow will bring, but we have a refuge in God.

These are uncertain and troubling times and if you are not convinced the Lord has control, then you must have some fears and doubts about tomorrow

In the midst of unheard of killings they talk of doing away with the police.

There is a clear division in the country , a division Jesus said his coming would bring about, between good and bad, right and wrong...he said it would be..yet it goes unrecognized by so many even many so called leaders the blind leading the blind.

We are witnessing the forces of iniquity at work as bible predicted, the prelude to the "Final Conflict" of good against Evil and man thinks it is simply a racist cop killing a black man....no, what we are witnessing is greater than any racial hatred.

I know the murder of this Afro-American by a rogue cop was distressing to all and especially me....if I were there I may have be shot to death because someone should have pushed that officer off that man's neck...in my younger days, without doubt, I would have intervened.

It is known, bad things happen when good men do nothing.

But who is mindful dismissing the police is against God teaching, who said there would be law and swift justice for the lawless.

One thief on cross told Jesus if you are the Christ, come down from this cross save yourself and us also

But Jesus did not come to dispense with the law or exonerate the guilty but to call sinners to repentance....saying only to one repentant sinner "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise"

Nor did Jesus march on the injustice of Rome in his day, but said "Didn't come for that I come to call sinners to repentance...that is why the multitude turned against Jesus for they believed he had come to save them from the injustice of Rome, but he had come to save them from sin (from themselves)

In light of bible teaching, seems some of our preachers have forgotten their calling, marching against the White house instead of marching against sin. Marching against the rules of Rome instead of what ruined Rome (Sin)

Beloved, if all Christians spent more time marching against the sin in the hearts of men, the rules of

men would change.

That is why crowd turned against Jesus they thought he came to save them from Rome but he came to save them from sin...to turn hearts of men back to God

“fear not them that can kill the body only but he that can destroy both body and soul in hell.”

If we all spent our time marching against the hearts of men, it would change the rules of men

But to my text: In the fear of the Lord, there is strong confidence and “HIS” children shall have a “Place” of refuge

God not speaking to no one else...”His children

And “His” children will have a place...somewhere to go, a shelter in the time of trouble.....

There in that place we will be free from hurt harm or danger, for in words of old Negro hymn “He’s a battleax in the time of trouble.

The battleax in the bible is a weapon of war and there is no greater weapon of war than a battleax in the hands of the Lord God Almighty

Let us look at briefly..the Fear of the Lord

Biblical fear of the Lord, is not the common meaning we take for fear, such as the fear you hear many have for the officers of law

This fear is not the same....God is a good Father and he does not want his children to fear him....just respect him

The fear of God the bible teaches of is:

Knowing God....having Reverence for him....being respectful of

His creative capabilities

His Awesomeness....his Power and might..

His immeasurable Grace and Glory

Love that is beyond compare

His Providence and Provision...

That is the fear of God men should hold

For in this knowledge and awareness , knowing who and what He is....

That it was God who spoke the world into existence..

God who....rolled up the Mts and forged the lowest valley

God who hung sun, moon and stars on high

God who made you and me....Kept us from rocking of cradle to this very hour....God....

Yes, in this knowledge is born and bred our trust and confidence...to Know...to believe to trust....that..as text reads..."We have a place of Refuge"

The ensuing 27th verse tells me "Fear of God is a "Fountain of Life"

Oh, what a in closing...to have found the "fountain of Life"

That fountain the hymn writer invited me too....Oh come he said...to that fountain so rich and so sweet....just cast thy cares at the Savior's feet

Just come on in today and be made complete and sing with me Glory to his name

Oh, another wrote...."How sweet to walk ...in..this pilgrim way...leaning on the everlasting arms....

There.....in his everlasting arms...I have peace complete

With my Lord so near Leaning...Leaning ....Leaning on the everlasting

And I'm so glad on this communion Sunday to have come to know

There is a fountain...filled with blood...drawn from Emmanuel's veins...and if...hear me today...If....If...Sinners...plunge beneath that flow there they will lose all....all...all their guilty stains.