

El-Roi is my Shelter

Ps. 61:3

Gen. 16:13

I didn't come with words of man's wisdom.

When we are filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized in Jesus name, God gives us a covenant shelter.

- This covenant shelter is binding and provides a refuge and hiding place for us, emotionally, spiritually, and physically as His sovereign love wills it so.
- Rom. 8:7 says if you do not have and walk in the Holy Ghost with evidence of speaking with other tongues you are none of God's. This means though He loves and has a special plan for non-Spirit filled people. He does not respond to them the same way in trials, storms, and hardships.
- Jesus Christ is a shelter to those who are under Abraham's covenant.
- According to the Center for Behavioral Health – 20.5 million Americans abuse opioid pain medicine in 2005.
- There were 20,101 opioid overdoses addictions in 2015 here in America. There were 136,000 treated in emergency rooms. These are people feel they no longer can handle life's pain and check out of life.
- There were 41,109 suicides in US, 2013.
- 78% of all suicides are with men. These are people who no longer feel they can cope with life and have no shelter from their storms.
- There were 787,000 violent public crimes in the 2013-14 school year across America. Clearly, these statistics show American's with no shelter or hiding place. (Statistics from the U.S. Dept. of Education)
- And lastly 77% of young people in American have had sex outside of marriage by the age of 20 according to the U.S. Library on Medicine.

And if the saint of the living god does not practice the covenant shelter relationship of El-Raw-EE they too can become one of these statistics.

The Word El-Raw-EE means the Lord sees me.

- He sees us in order to show compassion and comfort towards us. In other words you have not been forgotten. God sees everything.
- Ps. 139:3 in the AMP says – You sift out and search out My path and My lying down you are acquainted with all My ways!
- This is what Hagar the hand woman is saying in Gen. 16:13. God sees the rejection I am facing with Abraham's wife Sarah. He sees my bitter situation. Yahweh became her El-Raw-EE, giving her a promise, giving her shelter, and He gave her direction in the middle of a terrible storm.

El-Raw-EE is the shelter for the covenant children of Jesus Christ – in a country that now has same sex characters kissing each other in a Walt Disney movie.

El-Raw-EE is my shelter in 7 different ways. We have to understand the power of this hiding place, or refuge, if we are to win a lost world.

1. Protection in storms
2. Renewing
3. Healing
4. Unloading
5. Refuge while God is fighting for me
6. A place of overcoming worship
7. Direction

1) El-Raw-EE, my shelter gives me protection

- a. Against discouragement and long term disillusionment. This shelter of protection is like Esther protected during Purim from her enemies.
- b. From satanic attacks of fear and bullies of intimidation. Is. 441:10-13
- c. From attacks of unbelief, complacency, and apathy. So I tap into a power that keeps from becoming an American statistic.
- d. From family and friends who backstab and weight on your heart. From lukewarm saints who bring you down. Ps. 119:14. In this shelter I empty myself in showing God humility. This is why He protects me like Elijah being surrounded by his enemy. He went to the shelter. Read Ps. 32:7
- e. El-Raw-EE protects me from loneliness, despair, and relationship abandonment

2) El-Raw-EE is my shelter also means He is a shelter, a renewing of the mind and spirit.

- a. This shelter gives the Abrahamic covenant a tangible and substantial resilience in a storm.
- b. The El-Raw-EE shelter means my intimacy with God so I don't live by the lust of my flesh and give into the compulsions of my feelings for the moment. He is the wake up salt for my spirit. Read Ps. 91:1-15. This shelter is my time like Esther under purification, but I must consent.
- c. This shelter is where I am renewed in His confidence and in His joy. He gives me mental toughness. He hardens me to difficulties. The renewing in El-Raw-EE's shelter is in the love for God's Word. Hard times make me disinterested. He renews me in the love of the cross. He renews my zeal and enthusiasm in the shelter of the Lord. Without this our minds revert back to our old ways.
- d. He is my strength for parenting, for being a godly spouse or single. You got to go to this shelter to get renewing for all of this.
- e. He increases grace towards us for this with renewing in the shelter.
- f. He increases the fear of the Lord in His shelter for renewing. You need this every day.
- g. This renewing is for weariness in doing the right thing – in fighting for your holiness lifestyle, or for your family, or job, fighting for souls.
- h. This renewing breaks yokes on your home environment. Renewing to carry out your role as a Christian.

- 3) El-Raw-EE is my shelter for healing
 - a. Emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and physiologically. This is choosing to accept brokenness and not bitterness in an unfair or ugly situation. Job lost his family but was left with a bitter spouse. The shelter is where you experience Job's healing in spirit in his body.
 - b. The shelter is a very special place that produces an environment of healing for you. Ps. 9:9, Ps. 19:2, I must go to the King's protocol of love for His healing.
 - c. Let's take a moment to focus on the El-Raw-EE shelter. He sees me. I stare at the cross and the serpent for healing and judgment over sin. For pain in my body, for anguish of the mind. He is my shelter. The cross is my hiding place for healing.
- 4) The El-Raw-EE is my shelter for unloading weights. 1 Pet 5:7. This part of the shelter is what gives us overcoming power that people who are not under covenant don't have.
 - a. The Lord sees me. He wants the weight of your bitterness or your severe disappointment. He wants the weight of your job load. He wants you to give Him the weight of the unknown and the fears you are now facing. He is the El-Raw-EE, the Lord that sees you.

5) The El-Raw-EE is the shelter as a refuge while God fights for me.

- a) Hab. 3:4 – Just wait in my shelter while I go and take care of your enemy.
- b) Ps. 140:7 – says the Lord will cover my head in the day of battle. Even for my loves ones.

- 6) The El-Raw-EE is my shelter for direction.
 - a. Clear direction in a trial that I'm in too often we go to everybody else but God for answers because we don't know how to get into the shelter of the Lord.
 - b. The shelter gives us increased revelation of God's Word. That's if I go and stay in the shelter of prayer.
 - c. This shelter gives me direction on how to confront, fight the spirits between me and family, me and coworkers. He gives me direction on how to have unity with people and the saints.
 - d. This is where we practice binding and loosing authority. Where we bind God's Word to our minds and loosen demons and sickness off of people. Read Is. 25:4-12. Let's bind and loosen for a moment.
 - This part of the shelter we need to re-speak any old prophecies given to us. I call it idle Rhema. God hates old Rhema laying around idle that we've done nothing with. He will quicken your memories and minds to old Rhema for direction in the shelter. The fulfillment of Rhema word always looks impossible before it comes to pass. The Word of faith is nigh in thee, in thy mouth. David went for manna in the temple when Saul was after him. It's time to go back to old Rhema. We release Abrahamic covenant prayers at this point. Claim God's resources.
- 7) Last ingredient of the shelter of El-Raw-EE is the place of overcoming worship. Is. 61:3
 - a. This is the shelter worship with everything on the line in my life.
 - b. This El-Raw-EE is the shelter worship that comes out of the struggle of heaviness and hardship. My wife and I chose this part of the shelter over quitting on God.

- This is the first thing satan wants from you. He wants you to come out of your shelter with no overcoming worship or tongues of praise.
- This hiding place fortress must be a choice you consciously make with will worship while facing the spirit of heaviness to quit or become bitter with God and people. That's why we call this a secret place. Sis Rogers could have left her marriage or quit working at school. I could have quit my marriage or quit pastoring. We have to make daily choices. Do I run to the hiding place of the Lord's shelter or do I look to things, people, and money to shelter me from the storm.

The El-Raw-EE shelter helps us for:

1. Protection – from hard, fatal blows
2. Renewing – for the mind and spirit
3. Healing – to encourage and build up my faith
4. To unload weights – so I don't become an American statistic and give glory that Jesus is my fortress
5. It's my refuge while God fights for me – it gives me security to know He sees me and is fighting for me
6. It gives me direction – in darkness and difficult times
7. A place for overcoming worship – striking the fatal blow on evil

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The shelter of El-Roi represents seven key ingredients must have to experience Jesus Christ as our hiding place and fortress for battle:

1. For protection
 2. For renewal
 3. For healing
 4. Unloading weights
- A. During break time find things, kid's life
 - B. Kid's like to have choices – try to relate to them
 - C. Show how you live without being too personal
 - D. Goof around with them
 - a. Athletic
 - b. Dance
 - c. Sing
 - d. Art talent
- Hold them to standards or you're telling them you don't care and value them. Hold their feet to the fire.
 - Show mercy at times if they have a good attitude.

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