

## The Fortress and Hiding Place

### Acts 2:25 AMPC

[25] For David says in regard to Him, I saw the Lord constantly before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken or overthrown or cast down from my secure and happy state.

### Acts 2:31-34 AMPC

[31] He, foreseeing this, spoke by foreknowledge of the resurrection of the Christ (the Messiah) that He was not deserted in death and left in Hades (the state of departed spirits), nor did His body know decay or see destruction. [32] This Jesus God raised up, and of that all we His disciples are witnesses. [33] Being therefore lifted high by and to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promised blessing which is the Holy Spirit, He has made this outpouring which you yourselves both see and hear. [34] For David did not ascend into the heavens; yet he himself says, The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand and share My throne.

An entire block of neighbors came together to rescue a mother and daughter from a car on fire. What compels people to go to this kind of extreme to save a life?

Some will say it's our humanitarian duty. Others do it out of self-preservation and species preservation. But many people risk their lives to save someone like this because of .....love.

A heavy built large African American man rescued a white child burning in a car several years ago. He burned his hands tearing the door off the car to free the child. Later news reporters asked him why he would injure his body to do such a thing. He said years ago his daughter died in a car on fire and nobody rescued her from the fire.

The relationship King David had with Jesus Christ was another kind of love unlike anything mankind has ever seen before:

- Because this specific kind of covenant Love was identified through a throne Jesus sat on by Calvary's victory.
- This kind of love wasn't just family species preservation love.
- It wasn't based on brotherly love either.
- This kind of love was not even based on universal God in all of us kind of love.
- It is a love that came from the power of Calvary's death.
- This is important for us to talk about because the entire life of David reveals to us the expensive passion of his love for his God.
- This love teaches us how to voluntarily choose to die to the self-will as David did.

**This kind of love comes from the tabernacle of David.**

Where the outcast and the rejected can come and find healing and restoration. It's called the ruins of David according to Acts 15:15. The apostles prophesied about this kind of power because this is how people received the Holy Ghost speaking with other tongues on the day of Pentecost. The entire book of Acts was based off these prophesies according to our opening text.

**What is so fascinating about the Tabernacle of David is that it can teach you and me three powerful teaching truths:**

1. How to practice receiving extravagant love from God in the worst of times.
2. It teaches how to give his extravagant love to others and die to the self-will in the worst of times as well.
3. It teaches you how to love yourself in the worst of times
4. It teaches you how to survive satanic attacks also in the worst of times.

All of this is done by the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ who chooses to submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. All of what I am describing to you is what we call people being raised as the end time people of the ruins of David. This specifically means people who choose to allow God to showcase their entire life for his glorified purpose. All the good and the bad of your life being brought under this incredible extravagant love and mercy.

- Bringing new purpose to the injustices we face.
- Bringing new purpose to the bitter past experiences of our lives.
- Bringing new purposes to the past failures and current failures.

Because when you're voluntarily worship meets God's extravagant love because of your broken contrite heart. It produces a power and sweet presence of God that He'll cannot shake. This is why David said in our opening verses, ***"I saw the Lord constantly before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken or overthrown or cast down from my secure and happy state."***

David takes his whole life of family, church, and community battles and chooses to filter it all through the extravagance of God's love in this tabernacle:

Because the traditional church at the Tabernacle of Moses would not allow him to be transparent. They did not accept illegitimate people into the ministry.

David never felt he fit in at the annual conferences and the church events. He couldn't find a church that would put up with his drama and cry, cry family members. So Jesus establishes a throne shared with Him and David through end time people who have a back ground of ruins and blemishes.

- Ruins of divorces, abortions, molestations.
- Ruins of jail records and addictions in their past and present.
- This throne would be established for people with ruins of sexual abuse and parental abandonment.
- People who experienced great financial loss. People who have never found love despite people who say they love them.

I am describing to you the membership of the Tabernacle of David through the Throne of Jesus Christ by Calvary. This Tent or Tabernacle of David is fortress from the enemy and a hiding place for God's extravagant intimacy for you and me.

For example in **Psalms 18** David teaches us how to confront and deal with severe relational rejection and the fear of death.

**Psalm 18:1-3 AMPC**

**[1] I LOVE You fervently and devotedly, O Lord, my Strength. [2] The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower. [3] I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies.**

David wrote this under severe terrible times. Yet this passage is telling us how to pursue God like he did if we expect to make it out of our impossible circumstances. David is tying in God as his fortress and hiding place at the same time even though the threat of death and rejection is very painful and very real. David is so afraid of dying he plays like he is going insane in **1 Sam. 21:14**, at the gate of the Philistine King Achish. He sought sympathy and protection from an ancestor of Goliath whom he had killed.

This story is to inspire those of us who sought sympathy in the ring way from people and we called it love. David is really battling the spirit of fear of dying. So he runs to a cave and attracts a Motley Crue of people with him in **1 Samuel 22:1-2 AMPC**.

**[1] He escapes from King Saul to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. [2] And everyone in distress or in debt or discontented gathered to him, and he became a commander over them. And there were with him about 400 men.**

Adullam means refuge. So David sought refuge from the fear of death and an abusive relationship through God and nobody else. Since he was taken from the sheepfold and anointed the future king of Israel, David had lived some 20 or so years as a fugitive, and as a man who had lost everything. He lost his safety, he lost his youth, he lost his family, he lost his career, he lost his rights, he lost his connection with the covenant people of God, he lost his comforts, and at times he even lost his close relationship with God. Despite all of this David fought hard to keep his focus on God's extravagant love for him.

David shows us what this Tabernacle of David is made out of and how we must respond to see the manifestation of His fighting power for us in **Psalms 77**.

#### **Psalm 77:1-20 AMPC**

**[1] I WILL cry to God with my voice, even to God with my voice, and He will give ear and hearken to me. [2] In the day of my trouble I seek (inquire of and desperately require) the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out in prayer without slacking up;**

**I refuse to be comforted by anybody else except in the tent of David. They have already judged me in the tabernacle of Moses. I am not good enough at that church.**

**3] I earnestly remember God; I am disquieted and I groan; I muse in prayer, and my spirit faints overwhelms me.**

**[4] You hold my eyes from closing; I am so troubled that I cannot speak. This is telling you how to act instead of always living in depression, sorrow, disillusionment and anger.**

**5] I consider the days of old, the years of bygone times of prosperity. [6] I call to remembrance my song in the night; with my heart I meditate and my spirit searches diligently: I remember your extravagant love for me in times past.**

**7] Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? [8] Have His mercy and loving-kindness ceased forever? Have His promises ended for all time? [9] Has God deliberately abandoned or forgotten His graciousness? Has He in anger shut up His compassion? We all feel this way from time to time. David is being real here. Some of us are not being real. You never want to admit you live in these places. David prayed like this in the cave of Adullam.**

**10] And I say, This apparent desertion of Israel by God is my appointed lot and trial, but I will recall the years of the right hand of the Most High in loving-kindness extended toward us, for this is my grief, that the right hand of the Most High changes. [11] I will earnestly recall the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will earnestly remember the wonders You performed for our fathers of old. David is saying all of this while facing the threat of death and relationship rejection.**

**12] I will meditate also upon all Your works and consider all Your mighty deeds. [13] Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary in holiness, away from sin and guilt. Who is a great God like our God? [14] You are the God Who does wonders; You have demonstrated Your power among the peoples. [15] You have with Your mighty arm redeemed Your people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph.**

**16] When the waters at the Red Sea and the Jordan saw You, O God, they were afraid; the deep shuddered also, for all the waters saw You. [17] The clouds poured down water, the skies sent out a sound of rumbling thunder; Your**

**arrows went forth in forked lightning. [18] The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind, the lightning's illumined the world; the earth trembled and shook. [19] Your way in delivering Your people was through the sea, and Your paths through the great waters, yet Your footsteps were not traceable, but were obliterated. [20] You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

You know why he talks like this. God gave this man 340,000 soldiers desiring to fight for him as he brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem to put it into a tent. God shows us this to declare His army will do the same for us if we create a place of habitation for His presence to receive His love, to give His love, to love ourselves with this love and to sustain ourselves with His love from satanic attacks.

This ultimate purpose for the Tabernacle of David is for this kind of love to provoke us to die to the self-will to produce his power to grow families and the community.

For the joy set before Jesus, He endured the cross. Jesus saw joy. He saw the church. Jesus and David saw the extravagant intimacy that could not be complete unless somebody dies. Because the death of the self-will, will always produce life and peace and power in our atmosphere.

God doesn't show us extravagant love to never change our attitudes towards each other and hurting people.

David's tent attracted a lot of hurting people because this kind of love gives you the hope and desire to live again. To stretch yourselves again. You feel somebody now can relate to all of the things you have been through. This is the raising of the ruins in the end times.

But there has to be the maturity and completion of love. And that is to willingly choose to die out to the self-will. Like the people willing to save that woman and child from the burning car. If we do not mature in love we fall back into the old bondage's of the flesh. The love from the Tabernacle of David must lead to death. And death leads to life and overcoming strength in Jesus name!

- 1. And teach a bible study**
- 2. Sacrifice time to disciple someone**
- 3. Join a ministry**
- 4. Start a ministry (prison, hospital, etc.)**
- 5. Get training to improve yourself for a job or a ministry**
- 6. Commit to a daily prayer life**
- 7. Commit to our chain fasting**
- 8. Be intentional to improve your attitude in being a team player in a ministry like KCC Kafe.**
- 9. Pay your tithes in time**
- 10. Invite guest out to our special events**
- 11. Come to church on time**
- 12. Give your employer a better attitude**
- 13. Recommit to take better care of yourself and your resources.**
- 14. Commit to being a part of the prophetic worship team.**
- 15. Recommit to growing your department with better planning and team building.**
- 16. Increase the fear of the lord in your life**
- 17. Seek the born again experience.**
- 18. Increase your level of holiness living.**