

**"The name of the Lord is a strong fortress ("tower"); the godly run to him and are safe." Proverbs 18:10, NLT**

The **"name of the Lord is a strong fortress"** ought to be significant to us.

The **"name of the Lord"** represents more than just what we call our God.

### As a "fortress" or "tower"

#### 1. We discover \_\_\_\_\_ = Yahweh, One True God, Lord, Everlasting God, Creator, Savior, Messiah, Holy One, Son, Jesus

- \_\_\_\_\_ = sovereign, loving, gracious, kind, holy, pure, just, fair, whose ways are perfect, who makes no mistakes, merciful
- \_\_\_\_\_ = helps, provides, protects, give us peace, offers life, intercedes, our refuge, healer, redeems, rescues, and saves

#### 2. We discover \_\_\_\_\_ = His NAME "is a strong refuge"

[David's Song of Praise] *"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. He is my refuge, my savior, the one who saves me from violence. I called on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies."* 2 Samuel 22:2-4, NLT

*"This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him."* Psalm 91:2, NLT

*"The Lord is my fortress; my God is the mighty rock where I hide."* Psalm 94:22, NLT

- A place of \_\_\_\_\_ = objective, how it "is"
- A place of \_\_\_\_\_ = subjective, how we "feel"

### What does it mean for us to "run to the name of the Lord?"

1. It means we \_\_\_\_\_
2. It means that we \_\_\_\_\_ of imaginary safety nets ("towers") that will think/believe will keep us safe & secure

*"We all have fortresses and towers that we trust in. Any tower, other than the 'name of the Lord,' is but an illusion. It is temporary and it will let you down."*

*"The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety."* Proverbs 18:11, NLT

#### 3. It means that we make God the \_\_\_\_\_ we run to

- Too many of us run to other "towers" \_\_\_\_\_
- Too many of us run to other "towers" \_\_\_\_\_ with God
- The writer of Proverbs says there is only \_\_\_\_\_ we should run to = "The name of the Lord"
- After running to God, THEN we let Him \_\_\_\_\_ us where to go

#### 4. It means that we fill our hearts and minds with the \_\_\_\_\_ about who God is

*"Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."* Hebrews 12:1, NLT

- \_\_\_\_\_ becomes our "strong fortress/tower"
- \_\_\_\_\_ become a new people = our name is not just a label

*"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."* Isaiah 41:10, NLT

**Next Week:** Read Prov. 19. Email [george@faithpointchurch.org](mailto:george@faithpointchurch.org) with your insights and applications.