

Chapitre 92

Good News for someone who has sinned

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge" (Psalm 46:1,2,7).

Do you not remember way back in olden times they had cities of refuge? When some accident happened, as when an ax flew off the handle and struck a man and killed him, what was the man to do? He was to strike out with all his might for the city of refuge.

If he got in there, he was safe and he was perfectly free. But suppose he went out of town? Just as certain as he went out he was responsible,

his blood was upon his own head. He was safe [only] as long as he stayed in the refuge. And he was to stay there until the high priest died. When the high priest died, he was perfectly free, and could go anywhere.

We have sinned. What are the wages of sin? Death. Then who is after us? Death. Who had the power of death? Satan. Then who is after us? Satan. And we "have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us" (Heb 6:18).

Where is that hope? "In Christ." Who is our city of refuge? "Christ." Who is our enemy? "Satan, death."

Now then, when we are in Christ, our refuge, can Satan touch us? He cannot.

Suppose we go out before the priesthood closes, what then? We have no protection and [Satan] will take us. Where is a person only able to meet alone the ennemy? In the walls of our city of refuge,

and the fiery of the ennemy cannot get past it at all. [1]

Note:

1. Jones. A. T., "The Third Angel's Message," General Conference Bulletin, 1893, p. 204.