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Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you all have enjoyed your summer. Mine has been filled with vacations, home projects, family gatherings etc. But now it's back to ministry school and writing.

This newsletter has evolved over the last few issues and has become more than I ever envisioned. Remember the words you read in this newsletter are not my own they are the Lord's and from my heart; These words are just like when the your Pastor writes a sermon. I don't think I have met a Pastor that doesn't try to preach the very sermon that God gives him. This is what I do with each issue I write what I believe to be from God.

This issue I wanted to focus on a subject that we just don't hear enough about. The Lord opened my heart to this subject last month. I will reveal how He did this in the prophecy section on page three. In previous issues I have focused on God working in and through us. But there is another side to that coin, and that is, we must also abide in Him.

So just how do we abide in God? How much does the bible talk about it? What does it mean to abide or to be in God? We know the Bible says that He (Jesus) is in us or that He is in our temple (our body). But how in world can we be in God, is it literally the same as Jesus being us? (In a spiritual sense) So in this issue I would like to meditate on and explore what it means to **Abide in God.**

I would like to start by looking at the definition of the word abide. We will look at two examples, one from the Old Testament and one from the New.

**Psalm 91 (King James Version)**<sup>1</sup>He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

This Hebrew word for this is pronounced LEEN and means based on the root and its counter parts "a lodge or a permanent place to stay" (all night)

**John 15:7 (King James Version)**<sup>7</sup>If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

The Greek word for this is MENO and means to continue, dwell, endure, be present, and remain.

Based on these two scriptures and others like it the word used from the Hebrew and Greek mean essentially the same thing. A place to dwell, remain, or lodge permanently.

## A word about Abiding

In this section I will discuss the scriptural examples of Abiding. As always I will provide some key scriptures and highlight some key points.

Psalm 91 (KJV) **1He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.** <sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. <sup>3</sup>Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. <sup>4</sup>He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. <sup>5</sup>Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; <sup>6</sup>Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. <sup>7</sup>A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. <sup>8</sup>Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. <sup>9</sup>Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; <sup>10</sup>There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. <sup>11</sup>For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. <sup>12</sup>They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. <sup>14</sup>Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. <sup>15</sup>He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

This is one Psalm to commit to memory, It has helped me so many times in my life. But I would like to focus on the first verse because I think it is key. In the first verse it says that he that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty. I don't know about you, but I want to find that secret place and abide there all the time. So where is this secret place that God is? I mean, if I find it, I will abide in the shadow of the almighty, and if you continue to read the rest of the chapter, look at the benefits that brings.

Matthew 6 (KJV) <sup>5</sup>And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. **6But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.** <sup>7</sup>But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. <sup>8</sup>Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

Again in this verse it says that the Father is in secret, or in a secret place. Where do we find that secret place? According to this scripture we find it in intimate times with God. **Key point to remember: When the storms of life hit you and things just aren't what they should be. We can turn to God and abide in Him.** But this place is a spiritual place and not a physical place. It is in the spirit that we find it, and only by Godly spiritual actions. **Key point to remember: You should always abide in God the way the Bible says you should, any deviation from that results in error, and puts you in the devils realm.** So when we apply ourselves to Godly spiritual actions such as prayer, praise, and bible study we can find that secret place where God is. Don't be misled in anyway by what I'm saying, this is not some mystical tale I'm spinning. This secret place that the Bible speaks of must exist or it wouldn't be in the Bible. But this is just another component or dimension of your relationship with Jesus. You may have never really thought about this aspect of your relationship, so now is the time to pursue it. You know that Jesus is in your heart and now you can be where God is. This place is only found in times of intimacy with Him. Pray to God and ask him to show you what it means to abide in Him, for Him to be your refuge, to be your strong tower, a place to dwell permanently. At this point you may ask how will I know when I have found it, believe me you will know. **Key point to remember: When you enter that secret place of God and dwell under the shadow of Almighty, you will know.**

## Abiding (A Place of Refuge)

During one of my devotional times this month God revealed to me what it means to abide in Him. I would like to share how this came about and why. I was in a time of intercession for a missionary that I know and I was pulling down some strong holds in the region where they will be going.

**2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (KJV)** <sup>3</sup>For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup>(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup>Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

When I finished this time of spiritual warfare the Lord spoke to me and said that I had done some damage to the enemy. (Satan) I needed to abide in Him for awhile to rest from the battle. This was very odd to me, I never really thought about that, but who was I to argue. Then God opened up the scriptures to me and led me to Psalms 91, and as I read, God gave me a sense of stepping into Him in the spirit. An overwhelming sense of peace and protection flooded my spirit. I actually felt like that little chick under the mother hen's wing, under the feathers of God himself. I share this with you to open this dimension in your life. Many times, things of the spirit only become real in our lives when the revelation of the word is spoken out. I encourage you, if you need this place of abiding and refuge, reach out for it.

## Abiding (A Place of Strength)

A place of strength, exactly what we need. The Bible says this in Psalms.

**Psalms 71:2-4 (KJV)** <sup>2</sup>Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear unto me, and save me. **<sup>3</sup>Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.** <sup>4</sup>Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

God truly is our fortress, a rock, the very essence of stability. There is no greater definition of stability or place where we can hold our ground. He gives us the ability to fight the battles of life from a position of strength. Like the armies of old in fortified castles. God gives us a place of protection from which to wage war on the enemy, be refreshed while the battle rages on, and rejoin the battle to obtain the victory.

## Abiding (A Place of Growth)

**John 15 (KJV)** <sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

This is the most important reason to abide in Him, because we grow. We bear fruit in our lives when we abide, we get pruned, and we bare more fruit. But not abiding does not sound so good. So I pray for you, that by His Word, and this revelation, this dimension will be released in your relationship with God; To find that place of refuge, that mighty fortress, and grow like never before. Amen

# ARK MINISTRIES

## Our Vision

Helping you fulfill God's promises and calling in your Life

Reaching a lost world for Jesus Christ

Providing strength for God's people.

## Our Mission

We are called to help believers grow, equip them to serve and to activate them for ministry in the service of our Lord

We are called to reach the lost by living a life that shows the love of God to those around us. We are called to care for one another as the body of Christ

We are called to encourage one another to fulfill the Great Commission, preaching the Good News

# An Invitation

Ark Ministries would like to invite you to join us. We are committed to letting the Holy Spirit lead the service. So come expecting God to move and speak as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Service times Sunday

9:30 a.m. Intersession

10:00 a.m. Service

Location:

Allen Park Civic Center Ice Arena

15800 White Ave.

Allen Park, MI 48101

For More information please visit our Web Site

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## Further Study

John 15,

1 John,

Proverbs 18,

2 Samuel 22,

Psalm 18,

Psalm 31,

Psalm 61,

Psalm 71,

Psalm 91,

Psalm 92,

Psalm 144.



Abide in Me and let My Words abide in you

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God is awesome

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