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OUR REFUGE
Joshua - 8
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“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” Psalm 18:2 (ESV)

“But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds.”
Psalm 73:28 (NIV)

“I will say of the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.’” Psalm 91:2 (NIV)

“Then the Lord said to Joshua: ‘Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses ...’”
Joshua 20:1-2 (NIV)

1. The Nature of these Cities

“Then the Lord said to Joshua: ‘Tell the Israelites to designate the cities of refuge, as I instructed you through Moses, so that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood.’” Joshua 20:1-3 (NIV)

“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’” Luke 23:34a (NIV)

“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, ‘It is Mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge His people.’ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”
Hebrews 10:26-31 (NIV)

2. The Names of these Cities (Joshua 20:7-8)

Kadesh means a place of **HOLINESS** –
Jesus is our **SAVIOR**.

Shechem means a place of **SUPPORT** -
Jesus is my **STRENGTH**.

“And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home.” Luke 15:5-6a (NIV)

Hebron means **FELLOWSHIP** –
Jesus is my **SATISFACTION**.

Bezer means **STRONGHOLD** –
Jesus is my **FORTIFICATION**.

“The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)

“Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.” Hebrews 7:25 (NIV)

Ramoth means **EXALTED** - Jesus is my **SOVEREIGN**.

Golan means **JOY** - Jesus is my **SUFFICIENCY**.

3. The Nearness of these Cities

“...So that anyone who kills a person accidentally and unintentionally may flee there and find protection from the avenger of blood.” Joshua 20:3 (NIV)

- Specific **ROADS** were provided
- Shared **SIGNPOSTS** pointed the way
- Stationed **RUNNERS** were there to help
- Strategic **PLACEMENT** made them visible
- Separate **GATES** were always opened