

PULPIT COMPANION

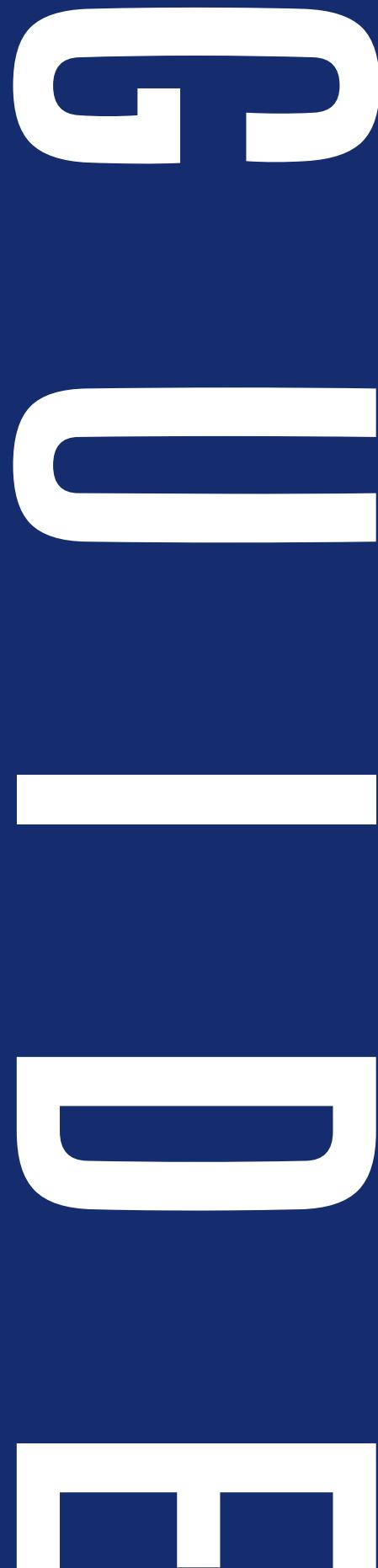
**THERE IS
POWER IN
THE NAME**

PROVERBS 18:10

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Today, we explored the profound truth that the name of the Lord is our strong tower.

Drawing from Proverbs 18:10, we delved into the rich symbolism of ancient strongholds and how they relate to our spiritual lives. Just as people in biblical times would run to fortified towers for safety and provision, we too can find everything we need in God. This powerful metaphor reminds us that in times of trouble, our first instinct should be to run swiftly to the Lord. He is our protector, our provider, and our peace.

The message challenges us to examine our hearts - do we truly know where to run when life's storms hit? It's not enough to simply believe in God; our character should reflect Christ's. As we face uncertain times, let's remember that our God is Jehovah Jireh (our provider), Jehovah Shalom (our peace), and so much more. By deepening our relationship with Him, we can find unshakeable security and all we need, no matter what challenges we face.

SCRIPTURES FROM PULPIT AI

- Hebrews 12:2
- Philippians 3:13-14
- Philippians 4:6
- Mark 11:24
- Proverbs 18:10
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Isaiah 53:5





DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: The Name of the Lord is Our Strong Tower

Reading: Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 61:1-4

Devotional: Today we reflect on the power and protection found in the name of the Lord. Just as Solomon described God as a strong tower, we too can find refuge in Him. When life's challenges overwhelm us, remember that God's character - His love, faithfulness, and might - is our ultimate security. Take a moment to consider: In what areas of your life do you need to run to God as your strong tower? How can you cultivate a deeper trust in His protection?

Today, practice calling on the name of the Lord in your moments of need, affirming His role as your refuge and strength.

Day 2: Righteousness Through Christ

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Romans 3:21-26

Devotional: The sermon emphasized that true righteousness comes only through Jesus Christ. As believers, we are made righteous not by our own efforts, but by God's grace through faith in Jesus. This transformative truth changes how we view ourselves and how we live.

Reflect on what it means to be "the righteousness of God" in Christ. How does this identity impact your daily choices and interactions with others? Challenge yourself today to live from this place of God-given righteousness, extending grace to others as it has been extended to you.

Day 3: The Many Facets of God's Character

Reading: Exodus 34:5-7, Psalm 103

Devotional: Today we explore the various names and attributes of God mentioned in the sermon - Jehovah Jireh (Provider), Jehovah Shalom (Peace), Jehovah Rapha (Healer), and more. Each name reveals a different aspect of God's character and His desire to meet our every need.

As you read today's passages, meditate on which aspect of God's character you most need in your life right now. How can you invite God to manifest that attribute in your circumstances? Spend time in prayer, calling on God by these names and thanking Him for His multifaceted nature.





Day 4: Running to God in Times of Trouble

Reading: Psalm 46, Hebrews 4:14-16

Devotional: The sermon emphasized the importance of running to God in times of trouble. Just as ancient people would run to a strong tower for protection, we are called to make God our first resort in difficulty. Consider: What is your typical first response to trouble? How can you train yourself to turn to God immediately?

Today, practice the discipline of "running to God" by setting aside specific times to pray, even briefly, throughout your day. Remember, God is not just a last resort, but a ever-present help in trouble.

Day 5: Living as a Witness to God's Goodness

Reading: Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Peter 2:9-12

Devotional: Our final reflection focuses on living as a witness to God's goodness and faithfulness. The sermon reminded us that our righteousness should reflect Christ's character to the world around us. How can your life be a testament to God's work in you? Consider specific ways you can demonstrate God's love, mercy, and grace to others today.

Remember, you may be the only "Bible" some people read. Pray for opportunities to share God's goodness through your words and actions, allowing your life to be a living testimony of His transformative power.





SMALL GROUP GUIDE: “The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower”

Opening Prayer:

Key Scripture:

Proverbs 18:10 - "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe."

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean that God's name represents His character? How does this impact your understanding of who God is?
2. The speaker mentioned several names of God (e.g., Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Shalom). Which of these names resonates most with you right now and why?
3. How does the imagery of a "strong tower" relate to our relationship with God? In what ways have you experienced God as your protector and provider?
4. The sermon emphasized the importance of not just believing in God, but reflecting Christ's character. What are some practical ways we can align our character more closely with Jesus?
5. How does understanding our righteousness through Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21) impact our daily walk with God?
6. The speaker said, "It's not about what God can do for me, but what I can do for God." How does this perspective challenge or encourage you?





Practical Applications:

1. This week, choose one name of God to focus on (e.g., Jehovah Jireh - Provider). Look for ways God demonstrates this aspect of His character in your life.
2. Evaluate your prayer life. Are you more focused on what God can do for you, or how you can serve Him? Make a conscious effort to balance your prayers.
3. Identify one area where your character doesn't align with Christ's. Create a specific plan to work on this area with God's help.
4. Practice "running to God" as your strong tower. When you face challenges this week, make God your first resort rather than your last.

Key Takeaways:

1. God's name represents His character and who He is.
2. Only those who are righteous through Christ can truly run to God as their strong tower.
3. God provides everything we need, just as the ancient strong towers contained all necessities.
4. Our faith should lead to a transformation of character that reflects Christ.

Closing Prayer:

Thank God for being our strong tower and ask for His help in living out the truths discussed.

