

Our Fortress
Psalm 31:1-5; 15-16
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Thesis: I want to show what it takes for God to be our Fortress today.

Intro: 1. We sometimes have to go to our storm shelters during bad weather.
2. In this life, God is the shelter for the Christian.

I. What is required for God to be our fortress

A. Trust in Him (**v.1a**)

1. **Psalm 37:5**

2. **1 Tim 4:10**

B. Be not ashamed of Him (**v.1b**)

1. We must not be ashamed to be followers of God, if we expect Him to be our fortress
(**Psalm 50:7**)

2. **Psalm 25:5**

II. How a servant of God calls on God to be his fortress

A. Through Prayer (**v.1c,2a**)

1. **Acts 10:2c**

2. **Psalm 55:17**

B. Submission (**v.3-5**)

1. **Psalm 123:2**

2. **James 4:7a; James 4:7b**

a. God is not our fortress until we submit to Him, then He is our fortress, & Satan will flee.

III. Believe in the power of God.

A. Believe God has the power to take care of you. (**v.15**)

1. **Matthew 11:28**

2. **Proverbs 18:10**

B. Remain a faithful servant. (**5a, 16**)

1. **2 Timothy 1:12**

2. **Psalm 31:22** – don't lose your hope in God quickly ("For I said in my haste")

Application & Conclusion:

1. God is only a fortress to those who love and obey, not for the wicked. (**Ps 31:17-18**)

2. God can be our fortress today, if we do what is required for Him to be our fortress.
(**Ps 31:19-20**)

3. Full Invitation

God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4
Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9