



Before the THRONE

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Psalm 119:114

“You are my hiding place and my shield, I hope in Your Word.” Psalm 119:114

Surely you enjoy the wonderful pleasure of reading? A good book captures your imagination as no other medium of communication can! It invites you in, makes you welcome and then shares its story with you. In such a book it is easy to get lost in its pages and lose all track of time.

In God’s Word we have such a book – and yet we have far more! The Word of God is not merely a good story, but it is a living instrument! “For the Word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, perceiving even to the dividing of the soulish from the spiritual...” (Hebrews 4:12). As the late Derek Prince used to say, “When I read my Bible, it is reading me!”

The Psalmist has declared in this verse that the Lord is his hiding place and his shield – as he hopes in God’s Word. As we will purposely live in the Book it produces faith in our hearts. (Romans 10:17). This faith becomes as the apostle Paul indicates, our “shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” (Ephesians 6:16).

So we see, the Bible is not just a compilation of good stories in which we can entertain ourselves for a few minutes, but rather, it is a living word that when read and lived out will literally shield us from the enemy’s subtleties or his out right onslaught.

“LORD, You are my hiding place and my shield, I hope in Your Word.”

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