

“How lovely are Your dwelling places, O Lord of Hosts!” Psalms 84:1

Our lives are forever changed for the better when we discover that the Lord has provided a dwelling place for us, a home, a place of refuge and security and comfort. We don't have to wait to get to heaven to live there!

A similar thought is in Psalms 91, *“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.”* I have longed for and looked for that secret place in God.

As I read Psalms 84 one morning, I noticed that it referred to dwelling places, in the plural, rather than just one dwelling place. As I meditated on the possible meaning of these dwelling places, I thought of our natural homes, the houses we live in. The thought came to me that every house has an address. The thought came to me, “Where are these dwelling places? Do they have addresses?” I realized that the addresses could be the “addresses” of God's promises in the Word — His declarations of our identity and security in Christ. These promises are our spiritual home (or homes), our places of refuge and comfort. I then thought, “Wow, I'm a rich man! I have many homes!”

So, I will tell you the address of one of my “dwelling places”. The address is Romans 5:1: *“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...”* When I am worried or weary or troubled, I go to that address and walk in. It is one of my “lovely dwelling places” in Christ. There I find refuge in the reality that I have peace with God, not because of my own efforts but because of my faith in Jesus. I stay at that lovely dwelling place quite often. It was the first one I discovered as a young man, the first one I claimed as my own.

I actually have many “lovely dwelling places”. Do you?

I can go to many addresses, walk in and feel at home – no matter where I am in the world, no matter what is going on around me, no matter what may trouble me. Frequently I walk in to Galatians 2:20. Often I dwell in Psalms 103. I love staying in Romans 8:31-39. And there are many others.

The Lord's dwelling places are lovely. Do you live in any of them?