

My Refuge In a Thousand Ways

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***"The eternal God is a dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms;" (Deuteronomy 33:27)***

One of my great joys is to read the sermons of the 19th century Baptist pastor in London, Charles Spurgeon. Perhaps no man preached Christ more fervently since the days of the apostle Paul than Spurgeon, the "Prince of Preachers." I read one of his sermons daily. It has long been my desire to write a collection of hymns inspired by selected sermons he preached from the Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit. This Spurgeon hymn project has delighted me to no end!

"My Refuge In a Thousand Ways" is my second recasting of a Spurgeon sermon into a hymn. Inspired by Sermon #624 ("Present Privileges and Future Favor") the hymn zeros in on multiple ways God is our shelter. No sermon nor hymn could exhaust the countless ways God has demonstrated how He is all we need.

Stanza 1 establishes the eternity of my God. He has always existed. He is unchangeable, steadfast. Therefore I can confidently anchor all I am on Him.

Stanza 2 speaks of the refuge of the cross. Sin has assaulted and Satan has pursued after me, but the bleeding Savior is my shelter from their attacks. Therefore I will not be shaken when guilt and doubt creep in.

Stanza 3 pictures the refuge of His sustaining arms. My God is acquainted with all my griefs. No matter how low I sink in darkness, depression, or pain, His arms go deeper still, holding me, supporting me. Therefore I can rest in His safe grip.

Stanza 4 looks to the future where He will forever be my refuge. He is my home. He is my dwelling place. He is my blessed hope! Therefore I keep looking toward that great day when my faith will be made sight.

NOTE: I encourage you to take 30 minutes to read the sermon as you meditate on the truths of this hymn. Sermon #624 can be found freely online [here](#).