relationship with Him by sending His Son to die on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins so we could be forgiven and be restored to God!

• But you must *personally* talk to God, telling Him you need Him! God loves you and opens The Door into His Kingdom for YOU! But you must come to Him, cry out to Him, asking Him to forgive you, cleanse you of your sin with the **only** provision for removal of sin: the precious blood of His Son, Jesus Christ:

If we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the **blood** of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

By His own **blood** (Christ Jesus) entered in once into the Holy Place (Heaven), having obtained Eternal redemption for us. (1John 1:7&Heb 9:12)

Jesus Christ came to seek and to save sinners! He offered Himself as the perfect, sinless sacrifice unto God, to pay the price for our sins, to cleanse us from our iniquities (the breaking of God's commands). He arose from the dead, and sits at the right hand of God, praying for us! He loves those who trust Him, coming unto Him! He is near to whoever calls on Him in true honesty.

God will bring His people into His Kingdom, into the Haven of His protection. But, His most urgent passion is for securing your "Eternal Destiny" – the protection of your spirit and soul! That protection is found *only* in His Son, Jesus the Christ!

God's plan of salvation offers the greatest love and protection of all! We can't change the natural elements, but we can cry out to our Creator for His help, love, protection. He offers hope. He promises to call His people into a Place of Hiding:

Come, My peopl<u>e</u>, enter into your chambers; shut your doors; hide yourself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. (Isaiah 26:20,21)

You LORD God, are my Hiding Place; You shall preserve me from trouble. (Psa 32:7)

Each of us must personally acknowledge to God that our *own* ways (our sins) have separated us from Him; and that He has provided the death of Jesus Christ *in our place* as our **only** *Way* of restoration, salvation, and peace with Him!

We can't save ourselves by anything we do! We might be a 'nice' person, a 'smart' person, but that will never cleanse us from our sin or satisfy our deepest longings or discover a solid hiding place. We must all come to Jesus and be 'born of God'!

God loves you extravagantly! He is calling you! By His Holy Spirit, He is right beside you saying: "Come, My beautiful one!" He rejoices greatly whenever a soul turns to Him, receiving Jesus as their Savior!!

READ God's Word, the Bible. Talk to God today. He is near to honest seekers! **Say** out loud a simple prayer. Here's a prayer that may be helpful:

"Dear God: I know I'm a sinner. I believe Jesus died in my place. I ask You to save me, cleanse me from my sins by the blood of Jesus. Forgive me for my sins. I want to be with You, follow You. Please come into my life. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me turn away from sin. Bring me into Your Kingdom. Make me Your child. Amen."

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Looking for a Hiding Place?

We all know there are times when we'd love to find a place to hide, a place hidden away from troubles. This world (so full of grief) is truly a restless cesspool of aggravations and irritations. Even a vacation can turn into a major headache.

Is there any hiding place where we could find some real peace and rest — a place hidden from the problems and the turmoil? Sometimes the need for hiddenness is a matter of life or death. History is full of people who have tried desperately to secure a hidden place; people looking for a place of safety, hiding from those who want to kill, steal, destroy.

The movie *Schindler's List* is a classic example — especially the little girl in the red coat captured by the Nazis. She looked for a place of protection, but alas, she failed!

There is a Day coming when, all over the world, people will be looking for hiding places — places to hide from the devastation that is coming. It is a Day when men's hearts will fail for fear, afraid for what is coming, afraid for seeing the very powers of heaven shaken.

That day is mentioned in the Bible as the "Day of the LORD." The Prophet Isaiah

spoke of that Day 2500 years ago. The Apostle Paul and Jesus the Christ also spoke of *that day* as a Day of desolation:

Howl ye; for the Day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as destruction from the Almighty. The Day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath, fierce anger, to lay the land desolate. (Is 13:6,9)

And there shall be signs in the sun, in the moon, in the stars; upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea, the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (Luke 21:25,26)

This know also, that in **the Last Days** perilous times shall come. (2Tim 3:1)

In the Bible, God told many Prophets what would happen at The End of the age. The Apostles saw The End of days, declaring the coming devastation — a time of great sorrow and mourning. Men everywhere will be desperate for a hiding place:

And lo, there was a great earthquake, the sun became black, the moon became as blood, the stars of heaven fell to the earth. The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together, every mountain and island were moved out of their places. The kings, great men, the rich, the captains, the mighty, every bondman (slave), and every free man, hid themselves in dens, in the rocks of the mountains. They said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, hide us from the face of Him that sits on The Throne, from the wrath of The Lamb: for the **Great Day** of His wrath is come; who shall be able to stand? (Rev 6:12-17)

Everyone, everywhere will be affected by the "*Great and Terrible Day of the LORD*." Sudden destruction shall come on the earth — no place will be exempt!

Already there are wonders in the heavens and signs in the earth. All over the earth, unusual things are happening—unprecedented increases in earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes, flooding. Strange, bizarre things are happening everywhere.

These natural occurrences are **not** the fury of "Mother Nature." No. It's the fury and wrath of Almighty God. "I heard a great voice out of the Temple (of heaven) saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, **pour out the vials** of the wrath of God upon the earth." (Revelation 16:1)

No wonder men's hearts will fail. People everywhere will want a place to hide! None of us will be able to withstand the wrath of God. **But why** is God's wrath being poured out? Is there an explanation? Yes, the Prophet Isaiah tells us:

Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty (desolate), turns it upside down, scatters abroad the inhabitants thereof. The earth also is defiled **because** they have transgressed (violated) the laws (God's loving instructions); they have changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. (Isaiah 24:1-5)

The <u>Day of the LORD</u> comes, cruel both with wrath, fierce anger. He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. (Isaiah 13:9)

It is because all of us have sinned against the God of the Universe, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. We have broken His commands, and God's wrath is against the hard-hearted, sinful ways of mankind.

Each one of us has rejected God's loving instructions found in the Bible. We have all gone our own way! Our sins, our hard-hearted ways, have separated us from our Maker. The payment (result) for sin is death.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God! (Rom 3:23)

For the wages (payment) of sin is death. (Rom 6:23)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way. (Isaiah 53:6)

But is there a solution?? Isn't God a loving God? Is there a hiding place for the people of God? Yes!! There *is* a solution, and there *is* a hiding place! God, the Lover of Souls, *has* provided The Way.

"I am The Way, The Truth, The Life: no man comes unto the Father (God), but by Me" (John 14:6). These are the Words of Jesus Christ, the Saviour!

Jesus Christ is The Way of our salvation. He is our hiddenness in God. Everyone who believes in Jesus the Christ, God's Son, receives Him, follows His Word, will receive the Gift of God: "the Gift of God is Eternal LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

For God so loved the world (loves you & me) that <u>He gave</u> (His Beloved), His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have Ever-Lasting Life. (John 3:16)

Whosoever shall **call** upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved! (Rom 10:13)

In the Bible, God tells us He sent His Son, Jesus, to the earth to die in our place, and become the sinless sacrifice on our behalf. Jesus came to be the required sacrifice, and therefore could redeem and rescue sinners from hell - to save any 'whosoever' who repents, receives Him, and obeys Him.

The LORD God Almighty is merciful, loving, and compassionate! He provided **The Way** for reconciliation to re-establish