God, our Dwelling

PRESENCE CHURCH

A 7-Day Devotional

Introduction: The Bible is full of imagery to communicate being *within* God's loving care, protection, and presence. Scripture reveals that God is our home, refuge, covering, and the place we find pasture. This devotional is not about simply learning ideas, it's about learning to *abide* as we seek God's presence, become like Jesus together, and be a presence in our city.

Day 1: God Is Our Home

Psalm 90:1
"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations."

John 14:23
"Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.'"

Explore Further:

Psalm 27:4–5	Psalm 91:1	Isaiah 57:15
Psalm 84:1–4	Psalm 23:6	Revelation 21:3

God is not just someone we visit in moments of need. Scripture begins with the stunning claim that God Himself is the place we may now live. Long before temples or church buildings, God's people understood they were to dwell within Him and the throne room that is His Creation. To dwell in God is to live with a deep awareness that we are never spiritually homeless and we're never alone. We're at home with God.

Reflect

- What state do you instinctively "live" in throughout the week? In a state of anxiety? Distraction? Loneliness? Lack of trust? Need to be in control?
- What would it look like to let God's loving presence to be your *primary* dwelling instead?



Day 2: God Covers Us - Shadow, Wings, Shield, and Care

Psalm 91:4
"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler."

Psalm 121:5
"The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand."

Explore Further:

Ezekiel 16:8	Psalm 57:1	Isaiah 25:4-5
Ruth 3:9	Psalm 63:7	Genesis 3:21

God's care is close, personal, and surrounding. Scripture repeatedly describes Him as a **covering**: shade from heat, wings from danger, a garment that wraps us in safety. God doesn't merely watch over us; He draws near and *encloses* us. Jesus redeems us under the covering of His authority and protection.

Reflect

- Where do you feel most exposed, weak, or vulnerable in your life right now?
- How would your life look if you placed that area under God's care rather than your own control?

Day 3: God Is Our Refuge and Shelter

Psalm 32:7
“You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.”

Proverbs 18:10
“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.”

Explore Further:

Psalm 46:1
Psalm 61:2–4
Psalm 62:6-8
Isaiah 4:6
Isaiah 26:1-4

A refuge is not escape *from* reality, it’s a place to remain steady *within* it. God invites His people to run *toward* Him when life becomes overwhelming. In Him, the enemy does not get the final word. Jesus is the ultimate place of deliverance and safety as He leads us deeper into the vaults of His strong tower.

Reflect

- When pressure or challenges rise, where do you usually run for safety?
- What would it mean to make God your first place of refuge instead of your last?

Day 4: God Provides Shepherded Space

Psalm 23:1–2
“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.”

John 10:9
“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.”

Explore Further:

Psalm 95:7
Psalm 100:3
Ezekiel 34:14–15
Isaiah 40:11
Revelation 7:17

God does not only provide guidance; He provides a spacious place to thrive spiritually. Like a shepherd choosing safe pasture, Jesus places His people where they can rest, grow, and be restored. Sometimes our resistance to rest is actually a resistance to *trust*.

Reflect

- Are you allowing yourself to rest where God has placed you?
- What greater freedom is God offering you as you*, “go in and out and find pasture?”*



Day 5: God Is Our Boundary and Protection

Genesis 2:15-17

15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Zechariah 2:5

"And I will be to her a wall of fire all around, declares the Lord, and I will be the glory in her midst."

Explore Further:

Galatians 5:13

Deuteronomy 32:10

Job 1:10

Genesis 2:15-17

Lamentations 3:22–23

God's boundaries are not punishments, they are gifts. God defines the parameters of our freedom not to limit joy, but to *protect it*. His presence forms a safe perimeter where flourishing is possible. God created this universe in His ultimate wisdom, and we can trust He knows the best way to live within it.

Reflect

- Where are you tempted to push beyond healthy limits? Where are you tempted to rebel?
- How might God-given limitations be an expression of love rather than restriction?



Day 6: God Is Our Portion and Inheritance

Lamentations 3:24
“The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him.”

Psalm 73:25–26
“Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Explore Further:

Genesis 15:1
Psalm 142:5
Deuteronomy 18:2
Hebrews 11:16

Before God gives land, blessings, or security, He gives **Himself**. Scripture teaches us to desire God not merely for what He provides, but as the reward Himself. To call God our portion is to say, “If I have You, I have enough.”

Reflect

- What are you tempted to believe you *need* in order to feel secure?
- How does it change your perspective to see God alone as your inheritance?



Day 7: God As Our Temple

Exodus 25:8
“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.”

Revelation 21:22–23
“And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light.”

Explore Further:

Isaiah 66:1–2
John 1:14
1 Corinthians 3:16
Ephesians 2:21–22
2 Corinthians 6:16

The story of Scripture ends where it began, with God dwelling with His people in a garden city. Through Jesus, God no longer remains distant or contained. His presence and restoration moves into all hearts, communities, and ultimately all of creation.

Reflect

- What would change if you believed God is truly present with you every moment?
- How might your daily rhythms shift if you lived with greater awareness of eternity?

