

## THE HIDING PLACE

Isa. 32:2

Look down to yonder off. (S)

### I. A Sad Conception of Human Life.

1. Life is Dangerous - wind, tempest, "No representation is true to fact which dips its pencil only in light and flings no shadows on the canvas."
2. Life is Dry, "We live in a world which has no correspondence with nor capacity for the satisfaction of our deepest desires."
3. Life is Difficult, "In this world man gropes through the darkness like a plant growing in a cellar for the light which alone can tinge its pale petals and swell its shrivelling blossoms to ripeness & fruit.

A. Weary = languishing, as of one who is wearied out, either with a journey or with toil, and at the same time suffers from thirst.

B. Jer. 31:25, "I will give drink to the thirsty." Prev. 25:25, "Cold waters to a languishing (thirsty) soul.

The worldly Hope men set their hearts upon  
Turns Ashes - or it prospers; and anon,  
Like Snow upon the desert's dusty face,  
Lighting a little hour or two - is gone.  
fr. "the Rubaiyat"

### II. A Prophetic Expression of Human Hope

1. The designation - a Man, The Man Christ Jesus.

2. The description

A. A Hiding Place, a Covert place and my shield.

(1). From the winds of worry

(2). From the Tempests of Temptation

(3). From the onslaughts of Satan - Ps. 27:5

(4). From the condemnation of sin. - Gen. 3:10

3. More than a hiding place.

B. More than a Hiding Place - "like a tree planted by the rivers of water."

(1). Rivers of water

"Only the man Jesus Christ can bring in the day when the heavens above are always as clear as sapphire, and the sea around is always as transparent as opal."

(2). The Shadow of a Great Rock

a. A great rock with blue dimness in its shadow, with perhaps a fern or two in the moist places of its crevices, where there is rest and a man can lie down and be cool, while all outside is burning sun, and burning sand, and dancing mirage.

b. "Rock of Ages cleft for me, O to let me hide myself in Thee."

**CONCLUSION:**

Mt. 11:28, "Come unto me, you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

*The lady who gave out signs of honey-suckle  
in the hospital.*