

# “Treasures of the Darkness: Finding Riches in my Secret Place with the Son”

**Key verse:** *“And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.” [Isaiah 45:3](#)*

**Introduction:** There are many times in life that we will find ourselves in dark places. I know that we connotate darkness with danger or darkness with pain. But that is the picture that the world would want us to see. Instead, there are riches (treasures) to be found in darkness. Where is your dark, secret place? It should be found in your closets ... in that place away from the world that is taken up with prayer and Bible study. What riches can be found in your secret place with God’s Son?

- I. It is a quiet place – *Isaiah 30:15 “For thus saith the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel ... in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.”*
  - A. It is away from all the hustle and bustle of life. As wives, mothers and servants of God, we will at sometime desire just to get away from it all.
- II. It is a refocusing place – *Proverbs 4:25 “Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.”*
  - A. When our eyes are closed, not only does it shut out all the clamoring around us, but our senses are heightened. We can see and feel much more intimately.
  - B. Fanny Crosby in her blindness during her lifetime than we see with our eyes.
  - C. Peter walking on the water – it is when he got his focus off of God that he began to sink.
- III. It is a refreshing place – *Jeremiah 31:25 “For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.”*
  - A. On a blistering, hot day, a shaded area is often sought after for the coolness found there.
  - B. In God’s omniscience, He will lead us to those streams in the desert. To those cool, refreshing place.
- IV. It is a healing place – *Luke 15:5 “And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”*
  - A. When a sheep is broken, where does it find healing? He finds it on the shoulders of the Shepherd.
  - B. When we have gone astray and are broken, where will we find healing? Close to the Shepherd.
- V. It is a safe place – *Psalm 4:8 “I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.”*
  - A. We want God to keep our children from harm ... we want them to be safe.
  - B. God offers the same to us as His children.
- VI. It is a comforting place – *II Corinthians 1:3-4 “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation ...”*
  - A. Children love the attention and comfort that they get from the arms of their parents.
  - B. We, as God’s children, will find comfort there as well.

**Conclusion:** Do not shun the dark places in life ... for in them you can find your richest treasures!

Hymns:

1. *Blessed Quietness*
2. *A Secret Place* by Patch the Pirate and Majesty Music