

JEHOVAH IS “A SECURE HEIGHT” FOR HIS PEOPLE

Note to the speaker:

This talk, based on Psalm 94, should motivate all to want to take spiritual refuge in Jehovah. Enthusiastically build confidence that he is a stronghold for his people individually and collectively. Provide assurance that with Jehovah on our side, we are equal to any test or trial raised against us

JEHOVAH IS INCOMPARABLE (5 min.)

Jehovah God is the Most High (Ps 83:18; *w*91 2/1 11)

He is King to time indefinite (Ps 10:16a; Re 15:3b)

He commands all the heavenly forces (Ps 103:20)

He is the Almighty (Re 11:17)

His power is unlimited (Job 42:2)

No one can stand against him (Da 4:35)

Despite his exalted position, Jehovah is not aloof from humans

He is close to his faithful servants and regards them with tenderness and compassion (Isa 63:9; Jas 5:11; *w*92 11/15 9)

JEHOVAH WILL SOON DELIVER HIS PEOPLE FROM THIS UNGODLY WORLD (15 min.)

The time for God to hold an accounting is approaching (Read Psalm 94:1, 2)

Jehovah resurrected Jesus from the dead as a guarantee (Ac 17:31)

All should take this matter seriously!

Ongoing “crushing” and “afflicting” of God’s people require his intervention soon (Read Psalm 94:3-6)

[Briefly relate one or two Bible examples of Jehovah’s previous acts of vengeance rendered in behalf of his people]

Important to understand why injustices are permitted, including those affecting God’s servants

Must remember that much cannot be changed in this old system (Ps 12:8; Ec 1:15)

Do not conclude that wicked are getting away with badness (Pr 24:19, 20)

Necessary to maintain contentment while waiting on Jehovah to act (Mic 7:7)

Foolish for anyone to conclude that “Jah does not see” (Read Psalm 94:7-11)

Majority today defy Jehovah’s sovereignty

Many discount God as a factor to be considered (Ps 14:1)

Jehovah’s eyes and ears see and hear all that takes place (Heb 4:13)

Some excuse loose conduct as mere sport, or they live a double life, assuming that God does not see or discern their wrongdoing (Ps 10:13; *w*97 3/15 13)

Our lives must demonstrate that we have not been affected, even slightly, by this thinking (*w*91 6/15 19-21)

Jehovah will not tolerate wickedness indefinitely

Rescue of his people from oppression is imminent

‘Touching his eyeball’ will end (Zec 2:8)

By providing escape, Most High will prove to be a “secure height” for his people (Read Psalm 18:2)

JEHOVAH NEVER FORSAKES HIS PEOPLE (15 min.)

Vital to learn God’s thinking, be taught by him (Read Psalm 94:12, 13)

Strive to be one whom Jehovah will never forsake

Do not minimize the importance of attending meetings and studying God’s Word personally

Never belittle correction that Jehovah provides through his Word, his organization, and the elders

There is a great sense of security in knowing the truth

Accurate knowledge provides stability, happiness, hope—even during difficult times (Col 1:9-11)

We have confidence, knowing that Jehovah is now preparing his people for preservation

Never let emotions cause you to react foolishly, concluding that you experience calamities because you have failed Jehovah (Read Psalm 94:14, 15)

Jehovah’s people cannot always avoid the consequences of human imperfection and wickedness (Ec 9:11; Ac 14:22)

We are not immune to adversity (Ps 34:19)

Jehovah God is one Friend who will always be with you, regardless of where you are, who or what is against you (Read Psalm 94:16, 17)

[Briefly relate applicable portions of life story appearing in *w*93 6/1 28-31, or a similar *published* experience]

The peace of God that excels all thought will guard your heart and mental powers (Php 4:7; *w*94 11/15 22; *w*94 12/15 32)

This peace is a calmness that comes from having a close relationship with God

Such intimacy gives confidence that regardless of our distress, Jehovah has not abandoned us

Jehovah understands our concerns (Read Psalm 94:18, 19)

Meditation on God's Word will help those suffering to be confident that Jehovah is not unconcerned about the plight of his faithful servants (Ps 145:14)

Negative thinking in the face of tribulation could weaken our faith

Important to call upon Jehovah in fervent prayer, expressing deepest fears and anxieties

Ever loyal, Jehovah can be relied upon to be our "secure height" during times of distress (Read Psalm 9:9)

He promises to be such and cannot lie (Tit 1:2)

OUR "SECURE HEIGHT" ENSURES THAT ENEMY OPPOSITION WILL FAIL (6 min.)

No weapon formed against God's people will succeed (Read Psalm 94:20-22)

Opposers are actively trying to 'frame trouble by decree' against Jehovah's Witnesses

This has often resulted in the banning, imprisonment, beating, torture, and even death of God-fearing people (Re 17:6; 18:24) [Briefly relate *published* examples]

Jehovah's Witnesses have not become paralyzed with fear by unfair attacks; they have refused to be silenced

Spiritual paradise flourishes earth wide, with multitudes being added daily

This is possible because Jehovah is our "secure height"! (Read Psalm 59:9)

SERVE JEHOVAH FAITHFULLY, AND CONTINUE LIVING (4 min.)

Jehovah will not disappoint you—the wicked will be destroyed (Read Psalm 94:23)

"Jehovah's day," the most fear-inspiring day in all human experience, is impending (2Pe 3:10)

All who have not willingly submitted to God will perish (2Th 1:8)

Respect for his own holy name and love for his loyal servants necessitate that Jehovah execute justice

All who demonstrate complete trust in Jehovah will survive (Read Psalm 62:6)

Serve Jehovah faithfully with your whole heart

Keep him always as your "secure height," and continue living!

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need be read or commented on)