

# Psalms 48:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

God is known in her palaces for a refuge.

## Analysis

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God is known 'in her palaces for a refuge.' The palaces--royal and temple buildings--house the divine presence. God's being 'known' indicates experiential, relational knowledge, not merely theoretical. He is known specifically as 'refuge' (misgab)--high tower, place of safety.

## Historical Context

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Jerusalem's palaces represented both political power and divine presence. The temple, God's palace, was the center of Israel's worship and the guarantee of their security when they trusted Him.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How is God 'known' as refuge in the community of faith today?
2. What is the relationship between God's presence and our experience of refuge?

## Interlinear Text

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God        in her palaces        is known        for a refuge  
H430        H759        H3045        H4869

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 125:1** (Parallel theme): They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

**Psalms 46:7** (References God): The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

**2 Chronicles 12:7** (Parallel theme): And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak.