

MY REFUGE

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This song reflects one of the most common themes in the Psalms: "God, be my refuge." Though the cry for refuge and rescue is common, Psalm 18 is written from a confident posture. We learn from the preface that David penned the lyrics on the day he was rescued from Saul's attacking army. We know David was still facing life-threatening obstacles but in this song lyric He *decides* to boldly declare not only the past tense rescue of God but also the present tense refuge God has become.

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my mountain where I seek refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Psalm 18:2 HCSB).

The lyrics of *My Refuge* also reflect the Psalmist's bold confidence;

*When the dark closes in
I will sing of Your everlasting light
When the seas swirl with rage
Take my hand, we will dance upon the tide
Along the way of suffering
I'll find rest in the shadow of Your wings*

The psalmist declares that the Lord is unique: "For who is God besides Yahweh? And who is a rock? Only our God!" (Psalm 18:31 HCSB). In the chorus of *My Refuge*, we too declare:

*I have None but You, God, You're my everything
You're my treasure, Jesus, You're my victory
You're the only Savior that can Rescue me
You're my refuge*

David's response to the ever-present refuge of the Lord is to lift up the only name worth calling out when troubles come. "Therefore I will praise You, Yahweh, among the nations; I will sing about Your name" (Psalm 18:49 HCSB). We will sing about that Name with every breath we have. The Name of Jesus will be our only heart-cry.

*Your Name will always be, the loudest song I sing
And whether joy or grief, still I'll cry "Jesus!"*