

**MORNING WATCH - EIGHTEENTH DAY****Andrew Murray:**

**"But I will sing of Thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning: for Thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble." (Ps. lix. 16.)**

**Here is the secret of joyful morning prayer. It is the thought of what God has done for the salvation of our souls, the experience that He has been to us a defence and a refuge.**

**If you long to glorify God's mercy in the morning as you ought, see to it first that you rightly know God as your defence and refuge. Read the words of David in which, with all his heart, he glorifies God as his fortress and refuge. (See Ps. xviii. 46 ; lxii. 2, 7, 8 ; cxliv.2.)**

**Pray this prayer continually: "Be Thou my strong habitation whereunto I may continually resort." (Ps. lxxi. 3.) Say boldly: "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and fortress: my God, in Him will I trust." Almost before you are aware of it your soul will cry joyfully, "Under the shadow of Thy wings shall I sing with joy."**

**Christian, do not always meet your God in the morning with nothing but sighs! Let your faith look upon what He is to you, let your faith glory in Him-so shall you honour Him and obtain His favour. So shall your joyful morning sacrifice be the beginning of a day spent in the joy and strength which God alone gives.**