

"And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in [A Mountain In The Wilderness Of Ziph](#). And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand." 1 Samuel 23:14 KJV



The name, "Ziph," comes from a word meaning "tar or pitch." Ever feel like your life is disappearing into a tar-pit? Like the very act of "taking the next step" is a life-draining wearisome toil? David found his "strong holds" in the wilderness of "tar" and though Saul "sought him every day, God delivered him NOT into his hand." Even though you FEEL pursued and your feet are like lead ingots, God Will Keep you Safe Within The Castle Walls of Truth, if you stay there. The same cannot be said of your enemy. The wilderness drains life from everyone, but the believer's Life "Is Hid In Christ With God." Don't allow your thoughts to wander in the wilderness of "if only." It only leads to lying whispers of doubt and despair. You can't enjoy the sunrise looking at the ground and you can't be joyful contemplating "if only." You are and have all you need if you let Truth Order your thoughts. Let God's Word dominate your thoughts all day, every day. Do the right thing each time. The only time we actually have control of is the present moment! Do Right, right now and life will be Right. Not sure of what's Right, right now? That's where Truth becomes your most valuable asset. "Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth WILL MAKE you free!" Evaluate every decision, small or great, with the standard of Truth and follow Truth to be "free" of error. If you don't study God's Word, you will not know the "Right" of every decision and you will misstep. It's not how fast you walk in the wilderness that matters, but the direction you step. Stay with your Guide, "the Spirit of Truth," as He Whispers the Truth you've learned to your soul during each day, and each "today" will be prosperous. Isn't Peace And Joy the ultimate reward of any endeavor? We can peacefully relax in the "Strong Hold" of Truth, safe from any foe that seeks to harm us. Wilderness travel is never pleasant unless you travel with good companions. Faith and Truth are the best companions for any journey. "Thou Wilt Keep him in Perfect Peace whose MIND is stayed on Thee!"

If your path is wilderness,
Lean upon God's Holiness,
Let His Truth give restfulness,
And make each step prosperous. –CGP

It matters little what seeks your life if the Sovereign of Eternity stands Guardian of your soul! Nothing will breach His Power nor withstand His Wrath. "Your Life Is Hid With Christ In God," forever! The wilderness was David's precursor to his throne. Earthly life is a believer's precursor to their Eternal Bliss! Just watch your step! Your LORD Knows the way through the wilderness. All you have to do is follow. Step where He Has Already Stepped.

"This Book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate Therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to All That Is Written Therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I Commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God Is With thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:8-9 KJV