

Security **-Ryan Parsons-**

I recently had the opportunity to visit an empty mansion in the Ohio countryside. On the outside, it looked like just a large house. However, the inside was a completely different story. Numerous secret passages and tunnels led to an underground bunker with an 18" thick concrete, bomb-proof door. Built into the safe room were all the amenities needed for survival. Suffice it to say, I was intrigued and mesmerized as I climbed towers, walked through tunnels and discovered doorways behind bookshelves. Especially fascinating was how much investment had been made for a facility that was never needed for an actual emergency.

Fortifications and preparedness are nothing new. We could travel the world and find structures dating back thousands of years that essentially had the same type of components. Safe havens have always had appeal.

There are myriads of hypothetical scenarios that could provide a rationale for building such a thing. However, they are all still hypothetical. While we might not ever need a safe room, an underground bunker, or blast-proof fortifications, we most definitely should consider that we need one for our soul. Why? Because the war that is going on is a spiritual one (Ephesians 6:10-18). If so, shouldn't we have a safe place to run?

Psalm 119:9

9 How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.

Thankfully, we do have one. God's Word provides a security fence around us. It only needs to be deployed. Moreover, it is more than just a fancy fence. Proverbs tells us that it has the protective power of a shield for everyone who seeks shelter and puts their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:5

5 Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

So, if you are looking for a bunker in times of chaos and distress OR if you want to prepare for the war that rages around you, look no further than the refuge of God's word!

Starting January 1st, 2020, we will embark upon a journey to read through the Bible in a year. You are encouraged to join us. Schedules can be picked up in the foyer or downloaded from the church website. Join in the conversation online in our private Facebook groups. For more information visit with Ryan.