**The Large Place**

There is a place that Christians can go to, can visit, and can dwell in that nobody knows but he or she and the Lord. It goes by various names in scripture-“hiding place,” “secret place,” and a “place of refuge”. One of the names given is “a large place,” and that is the place I want to delve into a bit here.

Both Samuel and David recorded the exact same scriptures describing this place:

**He brought me forth also into a large place**; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. (Psalm 18:19)

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, *and* ***set me* in a large place**. (Psalm 118:5)

When ye go, ye shall come unto **a people secure**, and to a large land: for God hath given it into your hands; **a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth** (Judges 18:10) (“I shall not want”)

* A “large place” is a place where we can move freely, rest comfortably, and live in, all paralleling the spiritual as well where the Lord’s grace is experienced, and we are comforted and rest.
* The “large place” of the Lord includes **deliverance** from our bondages and an assurance of his “delight” for us according to Psalm 18:19 above.
* It is a place arrived at through much **distress** according to Psalm 118:5
* It is a place of security, where there is no “want” or need of anything of this world.
* It is also a place to hide, a refuge, and a secret from the world. It is his “dwelling place” also.

**How Do We Get to this Place?**

* By recognizing that it is the Lord, not us, that takes us to this place (“he brought me forth in a large place, he “set me in a large place”)
* By realizing that this large place is a real **place**, for the Lord says it is. It’s not just an idea or thought.T**his large place is primarily in our hearts** where he dwells.
* By understanding that we get ‘set” in this large place when our hearts get enlarged. This large place gets much larger in direct proportion to our own hearts getting larger, or “enlarging” as scripture says:

I will run the way of thy commandments, when **thou shalt enlarge my heart**. (Psalm 119:32)

O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, **our heart is enlarged** (2 Corin. 6:11)

Since our hearts are where the Lord dwells (“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith” (Eph 3:17), when our hearts enlarge, it moves us into a larger place for the Lord to dwell per se. Our room expands, and we begin to see the depth of the Lord and experience it in a greater capacity in our hearts and lives. 1 John says “he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God” **As our love increases, our dwelling place increases.** We move into the “large place” of the Lord, which keeps getting larger as he enlarges our hearts.

It is like we are currently in a small room with a door that leads to another room. That door is locked, and when it is opened with the key of love, we enter into a much larger room that we haven’t been experiencing or seeing from the smaller room we were in. Each room leads to a bigger room, where we enter in the joy of the Lord much deeper every time.