

# Under His Wings

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***He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, [He is] my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, [and] from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth [shall be thy] shield and buckler. (Ps. 91:1-4)***

Under the Levitical Priesthood in the OT, the HEM of the garment of the High Priest was also referred to as the WINGS of the High Priest. Thus, to touch the HEM of this garment was to come, "under His wings" – it was to come under the protection, healing, preservation, and benefits of all that the High Priest represents. This was a known symbolism. This is why the woman in the gospel with the flow of blood sought to touch the Hem of the garment of Jesus. She recognized that to touch the HEM of His garment would bring her UNDER HIS WINGS – resulting in healing, and all that Psalm 91, 17, 36, 57, 61, and 63 promises.

But there is more – and it is revealed in the Tabernacle of God. The Tabernacle of God that He commanded Moses to build – was an exact physical representation of heavenly realities. The Tabernacle consisted of an outer court -- but also had an enclosed, inner building, within which were various artifacts -- each of which represented some

dimension of Jesus Christ. This enclosed building was further divided into two sections separated by a large VEIL. Within that veil – out of the sight of everyone -- stood the Ark of the Covenant. This section was called, "the Holy of Holies," or, "The Most Holy Place." It was where God appeared. It was His presence. The mercy seat was where God met His people.

Because the, "Holy of Holies," was hidden from everyone it was also referred to as, "the secret place of the Most High." Only the High Priest was allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies, once a year, on The Day of Atonement. But on that day the High Priest was to sprinkle blood on the MERCY SEAT – the mercy seat was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant, upon which were two cherubim stood on each end with their WINGS spread over the mercy seat and by extension the Ark. Thus, to be UNDER HIS WINGS is to dwell – through spiritual oneness with our High Priest, Jesus Christ -- in the secret place of the Most High. To dwell "Under His Wings," is to dwell in Jesus Christ as our home – as THE house of God – it is to dwell in Christ as our LIFE.

If we gather all of this up we see a wonderful picture of Jesus Christ. To touch the hem of His garment means to come under Jesus as our High Priest -- to dwell UNDER HIS WINGS – to dwell in the secret place of the Most High -- under the wings of the cherubim -- to abide in Christ as our house of God. "I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings." (Ps. 61:4)

**I touched the hem of His garment  
As He walked in my heart one day  
I touched the hem of His garment  
And what I saw I cannot say**

**I cannot say what I saw  
For words cannot be mine  
I touched the hem of His garment  
And was touched by Love Divine**

**I touched the hem of His garment  
under His wings I came  
I touched the hem of His garment  
AND was never again the same**

**Never was I the same again  
Nor was Christ to me  
For I touched the hem of His garment  
AND the Savior I did see.**

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