

When the Tornado Strikes

Isaiah 57:15 “For this is what the high and lofty One says--

**he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
'I live in a high and holy place,**

**but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”**

We've lived in a mobile home for years, and our family is moving into a house soon. I've found that you can have an awesome home in a trailer, but have no home-life in a mansion. But with a trailer, when the radio broadcast a tornado warning, they give a person this simple advice, “Get out, and find shelter elsewhere.”

What happens when your life is hit by a spiritual tornado, and you feel like your about as strong as a old mobile-home? Maybe you've attended church for years, but then life hits you, and you fall apart. Co-workers think, “Geez, this guy/gal has been professing to be a Christian for years!”

Every Christian has times in their life when they just don't live up to their convictions 100% of the time. We're a three part being: spirit, soul, and body. God gives us a new spirit, makes available the resources to renew and revive the soul, but we still have the same old ratty trailer body of flesh that is a magnet to sin. That certainly doesn't justify a sinful lifestyle, but it does show us our need to renew our soul with the Word, be filled with the Spirit, and drink in the grace of God when our flesh brings us down.

Isaiah 57:15 tells us that God loves to make his abode in a humble heart that seeks refuge in the LORD. The amazing truth is that the love and grace of a high and holy God can flow freely through ratty old, sin-magnet flesh if it humbles itself before God.