

# *The Only Safe Place*

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Three years before World War II, as the storm clouds were gathering over the world, there was a man who was looking around for a place where he might retire in safety. He thought there would be trouble in Europe.

He looked at other parts of the world. There was something wrong with every place he considered. He finally settled on an island out in the Pacific. There he built himself what he thought was a safe place of retirement.

The Island's name was Guadalcanal. Some of the bloodiest battles of World War II were fought on that island.

The man had a good idea, but his problem was that he didn't know the right place. He didn't know the program of coming events.

He wasn't able to make a wise choice. We have a searchlight on the road ahead which, if you and I will pay attention to, we can avoid the mistake of this man:

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" 2 Peter 1:19.

The future is always dark to the mind that cannot see ahead. It is dark in the sense that it is uncertain. It is dark with fear, tension, strife, uncertainty. But we have a sure word of prophecy. It shines. It is a light in a dark place. It illumines the road ahead.

We want to focus that prophetic searchlight on the pilgrim way that lies between us and the coming of our Lord.

Solomon says:

"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished"  
Proverbs 22:3.

Oh, I hope we will be wise men and look ahead, see what is ahead, and get ready for it. What do you say?