

The Island

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Lincoln Six-Echo is a resident of a seemingly utopian but contained facility in the mid-21st century. Like all the inhabitants of this carefully controlled environment, Lincoln hopes to be chosen to go to “The Island” - supposedly the last uncontaminated spot on the planet. It’s their only motivation for living.

But Lincoln soon discovers that everything about his existence is all a lie. He and all the other inhabitants of the facility are actually human clones whose only purpose in living is to provide “spare parts” for their original human counterparts. The humans have paid big money for securing spare body parts to ensure a long and healthy life.

The story’s fictional, and cloning aside, the search for “The Island” is real. Everyone wants a place they can go that’s safe – a paradise of sorts - where problems seem to disappear. People of all ages are searching for a place where they can find hope and help. The Island - the refuge everyone’s looking for – is real and can only be found in the living God.

This is a common theme in the Bible and one that’s important for us to remember. The writer of Psalm 91 puts it this way: “This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him” (v.2).

When we are afraid or feeling overwhelmed by the problems of life, God is our shelter. Our faith in the living God will carry us through all the fears and dangers of life. But for this to happen we must learn to trade all of our fears – no matter how intense they might be – for confident faith in the Lord. That means we must live and rest in Him each day. The promise is powerful: if we entrust ourselves to God, we will be kept safe.

God’s real and eagerly waits for us to surrender not just our fears and concerns to Him – but our entire lives as well. So - have you escaped to the Island? If not, what are you waiting for?