

"Come, let us sing Psalm 46 and let them do their worst!"

Martin Luther

BESTILL

Psalm 46:1-9

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on all the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth."

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Psalm 46:10-11

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The LORD Almighty (Lord of Hosts: KJV) is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."



Lord Of Hosts

- Used 275-285 times in bible
- First used in 1 Samuel 1:3 w/Hannah
- 1st use of any word/term in bible is significant to meaning
- Here we learn 3 things about "Lord of Hosts" (Armies)
 - ~Strong God who protects the weak and helpless
 - ~Strong God who provides for those in need
 - ~Strong God who presides over host of heaven



He Is The God Who PROTECTS The Helpless And The Weak

1 Samuel 1:1-20

Hannah

- Struggled with infertility
- Struggled with an adversary
- Prayed...and didn't get an answer for years
- Was misunderstood by the Priest!



We are STRONGEST in our WEAKEST moments because that is when we lean on God the MOST!

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2Cor 12:8-10



The God Who PROVIDES For Those In Need Exodus 13:13-14

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you today: For the Egyptians who you have seen today, you shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."



God's Provision

- Word
- Prayer
- Circumstances
- Nature
- Others

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"

Eph/3:20-21



The God Who Works Powerfully On Behalf Of His People

Genesis 18:10-15

"Is ANYTHING too hard for the Lord?"

Genesis 18:14



What Do You Need From The Lord Of Hosts Today?

Protection

Provision

Power



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty Fortress is our God A Bulwark never failing Our Helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing

For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and power are great And armed with cruel and hate On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing
We're not the right Man on our side
The Man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His Name
From age to age, the same
And He must win the battle

That word above all earthly powers
No, thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His Kingdom is forever

