

# The Mighty Fortress



**Psalm 46:1-11 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.**

Luther wrote about his constant spiritual battle.

Psalm 46 was a great comfort to him.

He meditated on the words of the Psalm.

He declared his victory through Christ.

His hymn was the anthem of an overcomer.

## 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 hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

The battle to be fought is not against humanity.  
Regardless of how wicked, atheistic, and godless.

Ephesians 6:12 **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

Satan, along with his angels, is our ancient foe.

1 Peter 5:8 **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.**

But there is no cause for alarm, fear or dread.

Psalm 46:11 **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.**

He is our refuge and strength.

A bulwark (a solid defensive wall) that never fails.

1 John 3:8 **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**

Only God could accomplish this victory.

Satan is

John 14:30 **The prince of this world.**

Ephesians 2:2 **The prince of the power of the air.**

No man on Earth is his equal.

But how did the Son of God gain the victory?

By taking on Himself “flesh and blood”.

By dying a substitutionary death on the Cross.

Hebrews 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.

Selah ... Think deeply about this!

