

Our Mighty Fortress

Psalm 46

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^{TITLE} For the choir director. By the sons of Korah. To *Alamoth*.¹
A song.

¹ God is for us refuge and strength;

Richly available help in distresses.²

² For this reason we will not fear at the changing of the earth,
or at the shaking of the mountains in the heart of the seas.

³ They may be noisy, they may foam — its waters;

They may quake — mountains — in its arrogance. **Selah.**

⁴ A river! its channels gladden the city of God;
the holy dwelling-places of the Most High.

⁵ God is in her midst, she will not be shaken;
God will help her at daybreak.³

⁶ Nations make noise; kingdoms shake;
He gives His voice, the earth melts.

⁷ Yahweh of armies is with us,

a high tower for us is the God of Jacob. **Selah.**

⁸ Come, gaze on the deeds of Yahweh,
Who sets desolations in the earth.

⁹ Stopping wars, unto the end of the earth;
the bow, He will shatter, and He will cut off spear;
wagons He will burn with fire:

¹⁰ “Drop it, and acknowledge⁴ that I am God!

I will be exalted in the nations,

I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ Yahweh of armies is with us,

a high tower for us is the God of Jacob. **Selah.**

(Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. We Will Not Be _____ (vv. 1-3)

A. Who _____? (vv. 2b-3)

B. Why _____? (vv. 1-2a)

¹ Musical term, meaning *virgins*. Possibly a song-tune; or to be sung by contraltos?

² Literally *help in distresses exceedingly found*.

³ Literally *the turning of morning*.

⁴ Or *know*.

Deuteronomy ____:29-30

2 Chronicles ____:2, 4, 12, 15

II. We Will Not _____ (vv. 4-7)

A. Who Would? (v. 6a)

B. Why Won't We? (vv. 4-5, 6b-7)

III. We Will _____ (vv. 8-11)

A. Who _____?

B. Why _____?

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

1. Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.
2. Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
Our comforts and our cares.
3. We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.
5. This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way,
While each in expectation lives,
And longs to see the day.
6. From sorrow, toil and pain,
And sin, we shall be free;
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

The Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Chorus. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

All other ground is sinking sand.

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2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest upon unchanging grace;
In ev'ry rough and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
e then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. 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.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing;
Were 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.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure,
For lo! his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.
4. 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 for ever.