

STRONG TOWER



Strong Tower

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

PRELUDE TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his^[a];
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

SHELTER FROM THE STORM

- Storm
- Volunteer
- Threat
- Call 91:1
- Shelter

• PSALM 91

¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]

² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my
fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare

- and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- ⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a
stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
 - ¹⁴ "Because he ^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will
rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

WHAT IS THE STRONG TOWER

Stands up when storms come.

- Danger
- Stress
- Attacks
- Poverty
- Enemies
- Unknown

WE ALL HAVE TOWERS IN OUR LIVES

These towers are forged, brick by brick, from our life experiences.

Psalm 20:7

Some **trust in** chariots and **some in horses**, but we **trust in** the name of the LORD our God.

- Self-reliance – I AM.... Strong/Weak
- Others Opinions – success/failure
- Wealth/Poverty
- Goodness/Badness
- Other People

WHAT DOES HIS NAME HAVE POWER TO DO?

- Every knee shall bow every tongue confess that He is Lord
- Power to cast out demons
- Power to forgive
- Power to change circumstances

HOW CAN A NAME HAVE AUTHORITY

- Dad said/ Mom said
- Police has power by the very mention of invoking it's use
- Letter from President to Pardon
- Judge to exonerate

WHAT IS INSIDE THE STRONG TOWER

- Protection
- Provision
- Comfort
- Active living servants – Holy Spirit, Angels

DO NOT FRET WHEN YOU'RE IN THE TOWER...TRUST

Trust in the lord with all your heart; in all your ways acknowledge Him and he will keep your paths strait.

If you're in the tower don't act like you're outside and in trouble. Don't fret. The tower and the King will protect you. Trust it.

Psalm 28:7

The **LORD** is my strength and my shield; my heart **trusts in** him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.

Psalm 37^[a]

Of David.

³Trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:
⁶He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the LORD
and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹For those who are evil will be destroyed,
but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹²The wicked plot against the righteous
and gnash their teeth at them;
¹³but the Lord laughs at the wicked,
for he knows their day is coming.

¹⁴The wicked draw the sword
and bend the bow
to bring down the poor and needy,
to slay those whose ways are upright.

¹⁵But their swords will pierce their own hearts,
and their bows will be broken.

¹⁷for the power of the wicked will be broken,
but the LORD upholds the righteous.

¹⁸The blameless spend their days under the LORD's care,
and their inheritance will endure forever.

¹⁹In times of disaster they will not wither;
in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.

²³The LORD makes firm the steps
of the one who delights in him;

²⁴though he may stumble, he will not fall,
for the LORD upholds him with his hand.

²⁵I was young and now I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken
or their children begging bread.

²⁶They are always generous and lend freely;
their children will be a blessing.^[b]

²⁷Turn from evil and do good;
then you will dwell in the land forever.

²⁸For the LORD loves the just
and will not forsake his faithful ones.

Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed^[c];
the offspring of the wicked will perish.

²⁹The righteous will inherit the land
and dwell in it forever.

³⁰The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom,
and their tongues speak what is just.

³¹The law of their God is in their hearts;
their feet do not slip.

³²The wicked lie in wait for the righteous,
intent on putting them to death;

³³but the LORD will not leave them in the power of the
wicked
or let them be condemned when brought to trial.

³⁴Hope in the LORD
and keep his way.

He will exalt you to inherit the land;
when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.

³⁸But all sinners will be destroyed;
there will be no future^[e] for the wicked.

³⁹The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰The LORD helps them and delivers them;
he delivers them from the wicked and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.

Psalm 84:12

LORD Almighty, blessed is **the** one who **trusts in** you.

Psalm 91:2

I will say of **the LORD**, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, **in** whom I **trust**."

Psalm 112:7

They will have no fear of bad news; **their** hearts are
steadfast, **trusting in the LORD**.

YOU ARE THE PRINCE

- Prince is not responsible for protection the King is
- Prince has access to everything
- Prince trusts in his father's authority

Psalm 118

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

²Let Israel say:
"His love endures forever."

³Let the house of Aaron say:
"His love endures forever."

⁴Let those who fear the LORD say:
"His love endures forever."

⁵When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD;
he brought me into a spacious place.

⁶The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?

⁷The LORD is with me; he is my helper.
I look in triumph on my enemies.

⁸It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in humans.

⁹It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

¹⁰All the nations surrounded me,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

¹¹They surrounded me on every side,
but in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

¹²They swarmed around me like bees,
but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them down.

¹³I was pushed back and about to fall,
but the LORD helped me.

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a];
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

²¹I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

²²The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

²³the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵LORD, save us!
LORD, grant us success!

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.
From the house of the LORD we bless you.^[b]

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light shine on us.
With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession
up^[s] to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

And you're done. Nice work!