

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

– Psalm 18:2

VERSE 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 pow'r are great. And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

VERSE 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!

VERSE 3

And tho' this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru 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! >>

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VERSE 4

That Word – above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours thru 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!

God's Truth in James 2:19> "Believing in" God is NEVER enough to save us:
Demons "believe in God".... and TREMBLE.