

My Fortress

Scripture

“And David spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day [that] the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: And he said, The LORD [is] my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: [he is] my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my savior; thou saves me from violence. I will call on the LORD, [who is] worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.” (2Sa 22:1-4)

Commentary

Who hasn't had times when the whole world seemed like it was crashing down? These times tempt us with feelings of hopelessness because the circumstances are beyond our control. Our emotions are particularly exercised when we did not bring on the problems. It seems fair to us to deal with issues when our sinfulness is at fault, but to have things fall apart for no reason just doesn't seem right.

We are very vulnerable to satanic attacks during times like this. The devil tempted Eve by appealing to her pride. He told her the fruit would make Adam and her like gods knowing good and evil (Gen 3:5). Just before the serpent made this remark he called God's character into question by saying, “You shall not surely die” (Gen 3:4). By this comment, he insinuated that God had lied to her.

Do not think that the devil has abandoned this strategy. He will likely tempt you the same way when it appears that the Lord is not near. He will ask you to question God's goodness. He will accuse the Father of not caring about you. However, you must believe the truth that the Lord will never leave you nor forsake you (Heb 13:5).

Let David be your example. He was the king of Israel, and yet was hunted like an animal by Saul. Surely he was tempted to question the Lord's concern for him. However, he remained steadfast and was rewarded for his faith and patience. He called upon the Lord in his distress; and the Lord delivered him from his enemies.

Whatever you are facing today, if it be a coworker who is making life difficult, or a boss that is not treating you fairly, trust in the Lord. Let God be your high tower, your shield. There is nothing He cannot deal with. There is no enemy He can't overcome. Don't listen to the devil's attacks, God is faithful. You can trust Him. The day of your deliverance is at hand. Just wait upon the Lord.

“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with [him], that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time [are] not worthy [to be compared] with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Ro 8:16-18)

Prayer

Heavenly Father, please comfort your children today. Many are suffering at the hands of wicked men, men who do not know you. Remind your people to call on you for comfort, and not to listen to the tempter. You are a great and loving God. You proved that by going to the cross for us. We were not lovely, yet you died for us that we might be free from the bondage of sin and death. Give us the strength to wait upon you for our deliverance, amen.