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 A mighty Fortress is our God, A trusty Shield and Weapon; He helps us free from every need That hath us now o'ertaken. The old evil Foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On Earth is not his equal.

> 2. With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
> But for us fights the Valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.
> Ask ye, Who is this?
> Jesus Christ it is.
> Of Sabaoth Lord,
> And there's none other God;
> He holds the field forever.

3. Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us.
We tremble not, we fear no ill, They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none, He's judged; the deed is done; One little word can fell him.

4. The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom our remaineth. Amen.

Lesson: Revelation 14.6-7

6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Epistle: Romans 3.19-28

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

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Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness. Walk about Zion; tell the towers thereof; mark well her bulwarks; consider her palaces: that ye may tell it to the generation following. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. For this God is our God forever and ever: He will be our Guide even unto death. Hallelujah.

Gospel: John 8.31-36

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

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2. Lord, put to shame Thy foes who breathe defiance And vainly make their might their sole reliance; In mercy turn to us, the poor and stricken, Our hope to quicken.

3. Be Thou our Helper and our strong Defender; Speak to our foes and cause them to surrender. Yea, long before their plans have been completed, They are defeated.

4. 'Tis vain to trust in man; for Thou, Lord, only Art the Defense and Comfort of the lonely. With Thee to lead, the battle shall be glorious And we victorious.

5. Thou art our Hero, all our foes subduing; Save Thou Thy little flock they are pursuing. We seek Thy help; for Jesus' sake be near us. Great Helper, hear us! Amen.

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1. Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word; Curb those who fain by craft and sword Would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son

^{1.} O Lord, our Father, shall we be confounded Who, though by trials and by woes surrounded, On Thee alone for help are still relying, To Thee are crying?

And set at naught all He hath done.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Thy power make known, For Thou art Lord of lords alone; Defend Thy Christendom that we May evermore sing praise to Thee.

3. O Comforter of priceless worth. Send peace and unity on earth. Support us in our final strife And lead us out of death to life. Amen.

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.