

1: The Strength You Need: A Very Present Help in Trouble - FaithGateway

A Song of the Sons of Korah God is a safe place to hide, ready to help when we need him. We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom, courageous in seastorm and earthquake, Before the rush and roar of oceans, the tremors that shift mountains.

Occupy a Fortress God is our refuge and strength. He said their van had veered off the road, slid down a hill, burst through a fence, and slammed against a tree. I struggled to stay calm enough to think, to tell Katrina, to find my keys and billfold and to pull out of the driveway. But just as the worst scenarios were stampeding through my mind, a passage of Scripture came to me. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear NKJV Those words became my lifeline, and by the time I got to the hospital I was functional again – still frightened and upset, but able to respond to the situation. My heart was still pounding like a sledgehammer as I visited one after another in their emergency cubicles, and it took a long time for us all to calm down. Events come unwelcomed and unexpected. But on that day, I was grateful for Psalm 46 and the strength it gave me as it rang inside my heart. Something dramatic must have prompted the man who composed them. Many Bible scholars believe this psalm was written against the backdrop of the Assyrian invasion of Judah about seven hundred years before Christ. In those days, a godly king named Hezekiah sat on the throne of Judah, and the prophet Isaiah preached regularly in Jerusalem. A sense of revival was in the air, but also a growing sense of foreboding. Rumors were reaching Jerusalem of a vast empire to the east, marching slowly but inexorably toward them – the invincible forces of King Sennacherib of Assyria. These invading legions represented the greatest military machine the world had seen – and the cruelest. Events were closing in. War seemed unavoidable, defeat inevitable, and everyone knew the Assyrians were merciless toward their victims. When they reached the borders of Israel, the Assyrians swarmed in like locusts. The Northern Kingdom quickly collapsed and was destroyed forever. The Southern Kingdom of Judah was breached, the forward cities fell, the defensive perimeters crumbled, and the nation was occupied. Only Jerusalem remained, its residents trapped. According to the Bible, the city was surrounded like a hut in a cucumber field. Isaiah described the armies of Assyria as a flood that swirled over the land, passed through it, and reached up to its neck see Isaiah 1: Sennacherib had his own metaphor. He had trapped Hezekiah, he said, like a caged bird. They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God. That evening a lone angelic warrior descended from the ramparts of heaven and destroyed the Assyrian army. In one night, enemy troops mysteriously perished without a shot being fired. Secular historians cannot explain it. The Jewish nation never became part of the Assyrian Empire, which may explain why Sennacherib was later assassinated in his own house by his own sons. If God could save Hezekiah and his city from annihilation, He can surely help you and me in the distresses and distractions of life. If a single angel could rescue a nation, think of how the Lord and His angelic hosts can strengthen you. The reference to the caged bird is from the Taylor Prism in the British Museum. Come share your thoughts with us on our blog. We want to hear from you about asking God for help when trouble comes. He is a bestselling and Gold-Medallion winning writer of more than twenty books with more than two million in print circulation. Rob has written articles for numerous publications and has appeared on national television and radio shows. He and his wife, Katrina, have three daughters and twelve grandchildren. Follow Robert Morgan on:

2: Hillsong - Made Me Glad Lyrics | MetroLyrics

Consider one of the most powerful promises in all of God's Word: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

He mentioned that a visiting minister from Malawi was preaching in his church at the same time he was ministering to the Spoken Word Tabernacle SWT family. As he read the scriptures, he noted how vulnerable we are as human beings. We cannot defeat the devil on our own. We are no match for Satan. And God operates by first equipping his children before the onslaught of the wicked one. In preparing us for the onslaught of the enemy, God actually gives spiritual vitamins of encouragement to us. Before Elijah called fire from heaven on Mt. Camel, God had already prepared him for the event. Always, the supernatural takes place before actual showdown. That is why Elijah was able to give the prophets of Baal the entire day to call upon their idols. He was confident that nothing would happen in that long interval of time. God had already showed him. Elijah had been prepared already. No wonder he even poured water on the sacrifice to soak it wet so that when the supernatural comes to take charge, it will be obvious that something out of the ordinary has happened. He even outran horses under the same anointing. Yet when Jezebel comes with a threat against him, the prophet runs away and finds shelter under a juniper tree. This is the Juniper tree syndrome, which comes after a great spiritual climax in every believer. For some people, the Juniper Tree experience comes in the form of pressure at work. Regardless of the depressed spirits under the Juniper Tree, God fed Elijah with supernatural food. This shows how God is mindful of us even in times of trouble. He is a very present help in time of need. The Prophet once got lost in the woods during his honeymoon hunting trip. He had left Meda and Billy Paul at the cabin while he ventured in the woods to hunt. When a storm arose, he lost his bearings and was stranded. His experience as a woodsman could not help him. His hunting instincts and love for the wilderness born of the dash of Indian blood from his maternal side could not avail much in that hour. And it was now dark with storm clouds hanging low. He could not see his way out. He was simply going round and round in a death march, coming back to the same spot while wearying himself with fatigue. Yet at that dark hour, a whisper came to him. A Voice spoke and said I am a very present help in time of need. Then the flash of lightning showed him that he was going in the opposite direction from the hunters cabin where his wife and son waited for him. The he started walking back to the cabin with hands help up in the air. He walked for over an hour in this posture, expecting to touch the telephone cables that would take him to the cabin. It was hard, walking with upstretched hands for over an hour. God gives us the promises in His Word. But we have to fight to claim the promises. He had to walk back himself, no matter how hard the journey was. In the book of 2nd Chronicles chapter 20, we see Jehoshaphat encompassed by enemies. When faced with trouble, Jehoshaphat seeks the face of the Lord. This time he does not rush into the war as previously done. In earlier times, Jehoshaphat was quick to join himself up with others fighting their own battles. He teamed up with Ahab at one time and then later decided to approach the prophet Elisha. Elisha was angry with Ahab, but his respect for Jehoshaphat constrained him to deal gently with Ahab. This teaches us a great lesson. We need to be careful with the things we bind ourselves to. The prophet was angered by the association of a righteous man and a wicked king. If prayer had been made earlier on, there would have been no need for going to see Elisha in the midst of challenges. But the problem with us human beings is that we rush into action without seeking the face of the Lord. We are not able to sit still and see the salvation of the Lord. Pre-consultation with God saves the pain and effort of panicking and hurried actions that are done while under pressure from the strain of the moment. When Elisha got angry, God could not speak through him. The situation was bad. He called for a minstrel. The Prophet was able to speak and instruct that ditches should be dug out in the valley. Again we learn an important lesson from this episode. The minstrel was just an object used to bring back the right atmosphere. The mistrel brought the Holy Ghost down. We are in a ditch-digging time right now. As Elisha prophesied, the people had to make the valley full of ditches in preparation for water. They had to dig down into the dry ground and past the rock, even if it meant using dynamite to blast the rock away. When it comes

to digging, we begin to see people working at different paces. Some dig deep and narrow while others dig wide and shallow. But the point is that work must be done. The digging must be done. We need to work to inherit the promises of God. When God says that we are at rest in the Lord Jesus Christ, it does not mean that we do nothing. It only refers to the fact that we cease from our own efforts. The minister mentioned the case of his conversion back in He came across the Message of the Hour when he was busy pursuing full time studies at a time when examinations were in progress. He did not put off repentance for another day when the pressure was somewhat lower. Those who put off salvation to some future day usually spurn mercy and fail to come back to grace. She did not come back to God after her matriculation examinations up to this day. When the minister found out about the Word of God for his day, he was pleased to note that at last he had found something that could explain all scriptures without glossing over them. His Anglican background could not match up to the richness of the Word presented to him by his sister who was testifying to him. The pressure of the examinations and full time studies could not stop him. He tried to concentrate in the study while people fellowshiped about the Word in the living room. Somehow he found himself leaving the studies and going into the other room and declaring that he wants to be baptised right away. The devil was not pleased with this. He sent back the desires of the flesh just two weeks after baptism. The minister used to drink and smoke before his conversion. He battled with these desires until one day when the craving for smoking was great, he simply made an ordinary prayer to God saying Lord please take away these things from me. From that time, the craving for smoking disappeared. The minister did not smoke again. When we have problems, we need to give them over to God. And we need to continue digging, knowing that we are in preparation time for the rapture. The minister gave another testimony from his family. His brother-in-law was fatally injured in a car accident that broke his bones and spine and left him as a wheel chair case. But the family, together with the saints in other congregations, continued to pray for the brother in law. Right now the man is walking, after the saints continued to hold on to the promise of healing. It is necessary to continue digging and holding on to the promises of God. The devil puts a scarecrow around the promises of God. Farmers who use scarecrows do so when there is something of value to protect, when there is something real. He is just a scarecrow and we should not be afraid of his threats. We are fighting a defeated enemy, as the Prophet says. The minister was told of a story about a certain sister who was walking to church on foot in the dark. Suddenly, she was approached by two attackers, intending to harm her. But the assailants were shocked to see a ferocious dog walking alongside the sister. It looked very menacing and the men ran away in fear.

3: Psalm "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

New International Version For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah. According to alamo. A song. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Two truths of great practical importance, for believers of every dispensation, are brought before us in this beautiful Psalm. In the presence of the upheavals and conflicts of a godless world, we are reminded, first, that God is "a very present help in trouble. Only faith can enter into these truths. Flesh can lean upon an arm of flesh; but flesh can neither trust in God, nor "be still" and wait for God to act. Verse 1 presents the great theme of the Psalm "God, our refuge, strength, and present help in trouble. Verses 2 and 3 the trouble and confusion of the world through which we are passing. Verses 4 to 11, the means whereby God sustains the faith of His people so that they are enabled to "be still" and prove God to be "a very present help. We do well to notice the little word "our" in the opening verse. It is true that God is a refuge; but believers can say, "God is our refuge. Believers have in God their refuge from the storms and distresses of life. Moreover, God is our "strength" in weakness, and "a very present help in trouble. Sometimes we have to wait for the manifestation of His present help. Our natural tendency is to endeavour to extricate ourselves from trouble by our own efforts, and God may, for our blessing, keep us waiting until we have learnt that we are utterly without strength to meet the trial, and there is nothing left for us but to "be still" and learn that God is God. Was it not thus, in the gospel day, that the Lord dealt with Martha and Mary when faced with the sickness of their brother? They were in sore trouble, and in their distress the Lord was their refuge. They rightly turned to Him and spread out their trouble before Him. They said, "He whom Thou lovest is sick. Having received the urgent appeal of the sisters, we read that "He abode two days still in the same place where He was. He waited until death closed all hope in human efforts, and there was nothing left for the two sisters but to "be still" and learn that God is God. This was indeed a trial of faith. Have we not to confess that, too often, this is our difficulty. We can believe in the power of God put forth in times past and that His power will be manifest in days to come, but we are slow to believe that God is so truly "a very present help" that, when there is no duty to be fulfilled, we can "be still" and wait for His help to be made manifest. The second and third verses describe the trouble that necessitates a "refuge," requires strength, and calls for "present help. The waters roar, and the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Often in Scripture the sea, in its restlessness, is used as a symbol of the nations in a state of turmoil Isa. Today, can we not hear the roar of the waves as, in every part of the world we see the nations in a state of upheaval, revolution, and conflict? As a result, ancient constitutions that have existed for centuries, and established forms of government that seemed as stable as the mountains are being overthrown by the rising violence, and increasing corruption of men. What then is the secret that strengthens the people of God to pass through the terrifying conditions of the world without "fear"; that, in the presence of change and upheaval, enables them to "be still," and realise that God is "a very present help in trouble"? First, God sustains the faith of His people by unfolding to them the secret of His purpose. In this passage the purpose of God is brought before us in the river and the city of God: No power of the enemy, no violence and corruption of men, no failure of the saints, can thwart God in carrying out His deep eternal counsels. Dispensations come and go: But, over all, and through all, God is carrying out His purpose for the glory of Christ and the blessing of His people, earthly and heavenly. Secondly, all the blessing that God has purposed for Christ and His people centres in the city of God. The Psalmist looks beyond the desolations of the actual Jerusalem of his day, and, looking by faith into the future, He sees the city according to the counsels of God. There rises before his vision a city of gladness, a "holy place," a city that "shall not be moved," with God dwelling "in the midst of her. We see "the New Jerusalem" "a city of gladness where all tears will be wiped away, where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. We see, too, that it is a holy city into which nothing that defiles will ever enter; we see that it will not be moved, for it is a city that hath foundations. Above all, we see that "God is in the midst of her," for we read "the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. So, again, our privilege is to "look beyond the long dark night and hail the coming day. Fourthly, amidst the deepening shadows of the night, until the dawn of the morning,

we can say with the Psalmist, "The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. When the day dawns we shall be with Christ in the glory of that day; in the meantime He is with us as we pass through the sorrows of the night. He "died for us that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Fifthly, the Psalmist sees that in due time God, Himself, will deal in judgment with all the evils of the world; and after the "desolations" of judgment, He will bring in the blessings of the reign of Christ, when wars will cease unto the end of the earth. Men, by their own efforts and wisdom, through leagues, and pacts, and conferences, are seeking to bring about universal peace and introduce a millennium of prosperity without God and without Christ. Thus, that we may be delivered from all fear, in the presence of so much that would make the natural heart tremble, we are instructed in the secret purpose of God that cannot fail. We see by faith the city of God shining before us in all its glory and beauty; we wait for the dawn of the day; and, in the meantime, we have the Lord with us to deliver us from every fear, a refuge from every storm. Furthermore, we know that in due time God will judge the wickedness of men and bring in universal peace. Our danger is that, in the presence of the increasing evils of the world, we may get over-occupied with events and lose sight of the city of God, and thus be tempted to join with men in their efforts to combat the evil. To act thus is to leave God out and seek to meet the evil by human wisdom and human power. If such efforts had any measure of success it would only lead to the exaltation of men. Our part is to "be still," and wait for God to act for His own glory, for God has said, "I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

4: Ever-Present Help In The Time Of Trouble - David Wilkerson | Times Square Church Sermons

At this moment God truly is my refuge and my strength, my present help in my time of need. I have been in fear, I have cried, and stayed up nights worrying to the point of hyperventilating none of that has helped one bit except to steal my joy and drain me emotionally.

A very present help in time of trouble. So I googled it, and here I am. GOD bless you for sharing. These words came to me when all around me despised and deserted me. I simply clicked a few keys on my phone to hear God's voice, and really there he was speaking to me through you. Thank you so much. And may God multiply his awesome wisdom in you. Chika here in Ghana Africa. I found it so comforting now that I have lots of problems and feel so alone. Forgive me for posting this in my Facebook account but I just want to share this message to my friends that in times that we are almost to give up, God is there. Again, thank you and God bless. By: Dina on January 16, at 2: I had a very bad day today. I was called right away after having a mammogram to come back in which I did today. The words God is my refuge and my strength kept going through my heart and mind so I just typed it in and this site came up. I really needed it. I know that God will see me through whatever comes. Karen on March 22, at 1: Lisa on September 11, at 8: God bless you Matthew!!! Abiola on May 7, at 7: I tend to be a worrier and fearful person. Taise on May 10, at 3: I was looking for this for a friend, but it was just what I needed. I am experiencing some marital difficulties and had made up my mind to end the marriage 22 yrs. I woke up asking the Lord to help me find some good in the situation and I tried reading my Bible but to no avail. This scripture ministered to me and while I thought it was for my friend it was really for me. Thank you Lord for this blog. It has helped me to think clearer about that decision and to wait on the Lord for a final resolution. Cynthia on May 24, at 3: I have experienced everything from financial hardship, lost of job, lost of places to live, my name has been ruined by my enemies, sickness, loneliness, rejected by my church. Life has been harder than I have ever experienced or ever thought I would have to experience. But, God has kept me he continues to teach me to love my enemies and pray for them. My faith continues to grow everyday and when I heard this word today I came online to look up the scripture God is my refuge and God bless me to find this it is such confirmation that God is my strength, God is with me and at the end of this attack I will never ever be the same, because God has taken me to a higher level in him. Leaning on God "It is Well" on May 29, at 1: What a blessing to my heart to read this today!! You know the Father's heart and His word is so powerful. How awesome is our God when we allow Him to use us when we yield to His leading when we trust Him despite the evidence. As many have already said, thank you Matthew for your obedience in writing it and thank all of you for your expressions of appreciation and further sharing of His word and your testimonies. Celeste Jonson on June 21, at This is just what the food the spirit needs. O on June 22, at 1: A very present help in time of troubles. Sometimes life gets so heavy we need to be reminded in whom our strength and shelter lies. God bless you for sharing your experiences. Walker on July 5, at 6: I have been going through so many difficulties, being depressed and was feeling defeated but was led to this verse that took me to your blog. Thank you for testimony reminding me how the Lord is all powerful and never leaves us. May he continue to bless you Matthew as you bless and encourage others. I believe it was not a mistake. Cathy on July 31, at Thankful for a good word when needed. What a troubling day. What a tremendous GOD.

5: Psalm God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble.

Pixabay. The Bible says that God is our ever-present help in times of need. He is the One you can run to and ask for help any time, any day, anywhere you might be, and for any purpose you might need.

He is the One you can run to and ask for help any time, any day, anywhere you might be, and for any purpose you might need. The Bible gives us many verses that encourage us to come to Him for help in times of need. Here are some Bible verses you can meditate on to get the encouragement you need to stay positive and hopeful and rely on God for help. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honour him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation. From His temple he heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears. Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because He was angry. Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from Him. He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet. He rode on a cherub and flew; He came swiftly on the wings of the wind. He made darkness His covering, His canopy around Him, thick clouds dark with water. Out of the brightness before Him hailstones and coals of fire broke through His clouds. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, hailstones and coals of fire. And He sent out his arrows and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings and routed them. Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils. He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me. They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me.

6: Psalm Parallel: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

He is a Help, a present Help, a Help found, one whom we have found to be so; a Help at hand, one that is always near; we cannot desire a better, nor shall we ever find the like in any creature. Let those be troubled at the troubling of the waters, who build their confidence on a floating foundation; but let not those be alarmed who are led to.

Biggs Introduction In our last study we learned how Jesus was revealed in Revelation chapter one was revealed as the Speaking King, who ever lives to instruct and to teach His Church through His Word and by His Spirit. We will focus today on the presence of Jesus Christ with and among His people. But some cringe at the thought of God being "ever present" or close. Some philosophers in history have described the sense of dread and fear they have at the thought of the God of the Bible. One such philosopher described his anguish and angst with an analogy to a canary trapped in a cage. The bird could do little to prevent the omnipresent presence of a person around her cage and could not escape the constant gaze of the omniscient observer. So men who do not know God have every reason to fear God and to abhor his presence, but this was not the way man was created to be! This is our hope: Christ is ever-present and with his people! And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: The author of the Book of Hebrews reminds us of the same. In Hebrews 13, the author writes that Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us! Do you ever feel lonely? Do you often realize how close Jesus is to you? In verse 17, he responds by falling at his feet as though dead. Seeing the a vision of the glory of God is not the easiest thing for the human frame, mind or heart! When men encounter the Living God, they are immediately struck with their sinfulness and insignificance in comparison to the Great Creator cf. Here in Revelation chapter one, John is literally standing in the shadow of love- - incarnate! Jesus will also walk among the congregations in Revelation chapters , reminding us that Jesus is close to his people because of his love and forgiveness he has extended to them. Jesus is saying do not fear my presence, for the judgment of death and Hades is under my power and authority. The very thing that causes men to cringe in fear before the Glory of the Living God is knowing that we have no right to stand in his Holy shadow, much less his Holy presence! However, Jesus through His death "I was dead" and resurrection "I am alive for evermore" , he now has overcome the boundaries that kept men and women away from the presence of the LORD. Amazingly enough, instead of being consumed by the Holy and Sovereign One, we call Him "Father" because of the work of Christ on our behalf. This should cause us to worship in the way that is revealed in Revelation chapters four and five! Worthy is the Lamb! The Fragrance of Our Father Long, hot and humid, and many times uneventful summer days were common when I was young growing up in the South. The summer would hold great promise at the end of the school year, but by the end of July, my brother and I were bored and thought we had done about everything that could be done in one summer. Oftentimes, there was a feeling of loneliness and isolation that came from hot and humid summer days. These were the long days of spinning endlessly on my tire swing, situated on my stomach, staring at the deep red Georgia clay where the only things that seemed to be enjoying themselves was the June Bugs on the low notes, July Flies on the high notes, and the crickets filling out the unique orchestration with the strings. After "doing it all" in one summer, what would help me to be encouraged during these days? It was the simple, yet exhilarating anticipation of the return of my father home from work in the evenings. I looked forward to the presence of my father particularly in the summer. I guess I thought since I was out of school, that he should have been as well. This was the time of baseball where Dad and I would listen to the Atlanta Braves on the radio together, sitting on the back porch in the evenings, rocking slowly back and forth as we sipped iced tea. He had a lot on his mind in trying to take care of his family I realize now , yet he had a smell, or fragrance that I was comforted by. Dad had a certain fragrance or smell about him that was distinctly manly, yet was my father. No other father or person was like this smell, this fragrance, this presence. When he would get home, it delighted me to no end. Sure, he was tired and not always in the best and friendliest mood, yet I longed for the fragrance of his presence because it meant I was not alone; it meant that he was near and that everything in my little world was going to be alright

as long as he was around! We are blessed as Christians because God our Father has made his permanent presence known and continued through Jesus Christ and the sending forth of the Spirit of God. Just like my earthly father who had a fragrant presence, so our Heavenly Father makes his presence known to us as well. Because of what Jesus Christ has done for us, we can know that He truly never will leave us nor forsake us! There is not a situation, a day, or a person in your life that can ever threaten his precious presence in your life to assist you and to help you! As Christians, we experience challenging times in this world, much greater than the long, hot, sometimes boring days of the summer of my youth. There are times of being unsure of what tomorrow will bring. I know a family who does not know whether their mother will live another day. Another family is concerned financially; they are "strapped", credit cards to the limit, and they wonder if God will help them since they got into the "mess" by their own foolish doing. Another man wonders if his child will ever be normal like other children. An elderly couple have been questioning whether their wisdom is really needed, or even considered in their congregation anymore. In all these situations we can be comforted as Christians that God is close to us and present during these struggles. Because He is both Transcendent as well as Immanent to us, he is powerful enough to help us, and close enough to love us! He is great and close! There is hope as Christians that God is both Transcendent and Immanent. Isaiah reveals our God who is indeed unapproachable without a Mediator, but One who is close to, or present with those who are of a "contrite and lowly spirit". We should remember that our lives are sovereignly ordered and our destinies wisely determined by the Holy One who inhabits eternity Isa. How should we respond to this gracious King Jesus who truly is "with us"? We should praise Him for His work in our lives, for his constant walking with us, and help in times of our troubles. What he has done, what he has accomplished, he has done for those whom he loved, so that they would have an ever present King to rule over them and to help them! As the popular song goes: We not only need someone to save us from ourselves and the corrupt world around us, we need a lasting and living hope for the future! As time-bound beings we are concerned and need a future. Without hope we know there is only loneliness and despair. As a people living in a fallen world, we are not without hope and without a hero or Savior. We have searched endlessly to find a Savior, a Redeemer, a "Superhero" who would save us! Yet we look around and there is no one to be found here on earth. As Adam searched desperately, yet in vain for a wife among the animals, so we search for a Savior among the sinful folk. In our times of fear and uncertainty we should reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus. Incarnation simply means "enfleshed" or "with flesh". However, we should always be reminded that our Glorified Savior, who became man in the fullness of time, is still man and will remain the Glorified God-Man for all eternity. When God "put on" manhood, or enfleshed himself, or became incarnate, it was for the purpose of becoming man to represent and redeem men who believe. He came to be our true hero and Savior and Lord! But He truly is close to us by His Spirit. We should be reminded that Jesus Christ is near to us and to His congregations. As he revealed himself walking among the congregations lampstands in Revelation chapters , so he still walks with and among us today! He meant what he said when he promised that he would never leave us nor forsake us! And when we look to him by faith we see in the eyes on that human face, eyes of sympathy and understanding. We see one acquainted with our griefs, sufferings, and our struggle with sin. We see our hero! We see our Savior! Who or what have we to fear as long as He is with us? And for all eternity, he will be with us! Remember in your struggles, the hope that the author of the Book of Hebrews writes: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. We will close our study of Revelation chapter one with the great and encouraging words of the psalmist. From Psalm 27 David poetically describes our God and King who is indeed always close to his people! Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! Conclusion May you use this study of Revelation chapter one to inform your reading of the entire Revelation of Jesus Christ. May it be profitable as a study to guide you through a much misunderstood and under read book of Holy Scripture. As you read the Book of Revelation, remind yourself of how Jesus reveals himself in chapter one.

7: Ever ask, 'God where are you?' Here's what you can count on God for.

Christ's expression of love, ministering to the helpless, and reaching for the Hurting in a world full of questions.

This sermon reminds us that God will be with us amid all circumstances. God is an infinite Spirit that fills all places excluding no place. Unlike God, Satan needs to travel to get somewhere. But God is everywhere without division, multiplication, addition or subtraction. When the bible says God walks to and fro, it is the humanizing Anthropomorphism of God. God never needs to move to get no place. There is no place that God does not exist. God is very present in heaven, earth and hell yet He is not bound by either. To say that God is Omnipresent, we mean that God in the totality of His essence fills the universe and beyond in all its parts. This is a quality that belong solely to God. No place is without God. God is at this funeral to comfort you. There are many who are present today; but none of them are very present. God is more present than anyone or anything. Everything else is present outside of you but God is present inside of your being. God is present at every hospital, nursing home, prison cells and intensive care unit world over. The essence of God is present at the same moment in all. If God is everywhere present, it also means that in all places, I am present to Him. It is comforting to know that all of my troubles are immediately in God presence. The closer anything get to the SUN, the quicker it breaks up. The closer my trouble get to the SON the quicker He breaks them up. Man can ignore God but no one can avoid Him. Everywhere we go, we will run into Him. Both the church and the cemetery are immediately in His presence. A local God could not be God. I do not have to go into the mountain to call Him down nor do I have to go down in the valley to call Him up. Everything is immediately in His presence. Nothing and no one is beyond His All-Seeing eye. We cannot flee from the presence of God. No sparrow can fall beyond His view. He saw Moses on the back-side of a mountain. He saw Hagar in the wilderness. He saw Israel enslaved in Egypt. We cannot confine God to our feeble minds; or He would not big enough for our needs. So today in your hour of sorrow, know this; that God is here. If God is everywhere, it means that He is present with you today. God was at this church-house before you arrived. God is at the cemetery waiting for you. People are like moving ships that pass by; but God is like a ship that moves without passing by. No matter what you face, God is at your side. All of our fears are lessoned when we consider that in every case God is present. Diseases can quarantine us from people but nothing can keep our God from us. God is not exhausted by tapes, books or seminars. Since God is everywhere, there is no escape for the wicked and there is no separation from the righteous. But in either case, He is still present. God is in heaven as a rewarder. He is in hell as a reminder. He is in the Bible as revealer. God is the hospital as a healer. He is in the graveyard as a conqueror. God is with the down-todden as a counselor. He is everywhere I shall be. He is everywhere I could be. The presence of God is glory in heaven. The presence of God is justice in hell.

8: The Revelation of Jesus Christ: The Ever-Present-Help-in-Times-of-Trouble-King

"God a Very Present Help." Psalm Two truths of great practical importance, for believers of every dispensation, are brought before us in this beautiful Psalm.

Where is God in the Midst of Tragedy? Ever ask, "God where are you? Is He really someone we can turn to at all God is the Creator of the universe who yearns for us to know Him. That is why we are all here. It is His desire that we rely on and experience His strength, love, justice, holiness and compassion. So He says to all who are willing, "Come to Me. He says, "I am God, and there is no one like me, declaring the end from the beginning. He tells us that He can be "our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. He says, "you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. When a terrorist attack causes suffering and death, those who know God will be involved in that suffering also. One follower of Jesus Christ put it this way: However, if we go through them while knowing God, we can react to them with a different perspective and with a strength that is not our own. No problem has the capacity to be insurmountable to God. He is bigger than all the problems that can hit us, and we are not left alone to deal with them. He cares for those who trust in him. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows. God and Our Free Will God has created humanity with the ability to choose. This means that we are not forced into a relationship with Him. He allows us to reject Him and to commit other evil acts as well. He could force us to be loving. He could force us to be good. But then what kind of relationship would we have with Him? It would not be a relationship at all, but a forced, absolutely controlled obedience. Instead He gave us the human dignity of free will. Naturally, we cry from the depths of our souls Do we want Him to control the actions of people? In the case of dealing with a terrorist attack, what could possibly be an acceptable number of deaths for God to allow?! Would we feel better if God allowed only the murder of hundreds? Would we rather God allowed only the death of one person? Yet if God would prevent the murder of even one person, there is no longer freedom to choose. People choose to ignore God, to defy God, to go their own way and commit horrible acts against others. This planet is not a safe place. Someone might shoot us. Or we might be hit by a car. Or we might have to jump from a building attacked by terrorists. Yet, God is not at the mercy of people, but the other way around. We are at His mercy, fortunately. This is God who created the universe with its uncountable stars, simply by speaking the words, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky. God clearly says, "My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all My purpose. Many of us -- no, all of us -- choose at times to stiff-arm God and His ways. Compared to others, certainly compared to a terrorist, we might consider ourselves to be respectable, loving people. But in the raw honesty of our own hearts, if we were to face God, it would be with the knowledge of our sin. As we begin to address God in prayer, are we not caught short, paused by the sense that God is well aware of our thoughts, actions and self-centeredness? We have often lived like we could run our lives just fine without Him. The Bible says that "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way. Our sin has separated us from God, and it affects more than this life. The penalty for our sin is death, or eternal separation from God. However, God has provided a way for us to be forgiven and know Him. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Jesus left the safety and security of His home, and entered the hard environment we live in. Jesus got tired, knew hunger and thirst, battled accusations from others and was ostracized by family and friends. But Jesus experienced far more than daily hardships. Jesus, the Son of God in human form, willingly took all of our sin on Himself and paid our penalty of death. Jesus told others ahead of time that He would be crucified. He said that three days after His death He would come back to life, proving that He is God. Who would know if He actually did it? He said three days after being buried He would show Himself physically alive to those who saw His crucifixion. It is a gift from God offered to us, which we receive when we ask Him to enter our lives. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. The Bible says that God has "set eternity in the hearts of men. Somewhere deep

down in our souls, we know that there must be a much better place to live, free from heart-wrenching difficulties and pain. To be sure, God does have a better place He offers us. It will be a completely different system in which His will is done all the time. There will be no more mourning, crying, death or pain. Refusing an eternal relationship with God, which Jesus offers you, would be worse. Not just in light of eternal life, but there is no relationship which compares to knowing God in this life. He is our purpose in life, our source of comfort, our wisdom in confusing times, our strength and hope. But it is likely that He is the only reliable one. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Whatever crises attack you in this life, He can keep you strong. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. You can do this through prayer. Prayer means talking honestly with God. At this moment you can call out to God by telling Him something like this in sincerity: I want to know You. I want to receive Jesus Christ and His forgiveness into my life. Be the God of my life from this day onward. If you have, you have a lot to look forward to. God promises to make your present life one of greater satisfaction through knowing Him. He promises to make His home in you. God is ultimately in control over world events. Let not your heart be troubled. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

9: PRE Ever Present Help in Time of Need – Sermons and Biblical Studies

In His omnipotence He has power to do it but in His Omnipresence He's always where-ever he needs to be to do whatever needs to be done." God is present in the worst moments of life. Man can ignore God but no one can avoid Him.

The Bible says everything happens for a reason. But it is times like these that none of us can presume to know why such horrific,terrible and tragic things happen. But I think there may be things to take or learn from them. I think mainly we learn about God from this. God was with me and God gave me comfort in my time of need and this was without my asking. Now I knew my mother,thankfully a believer as well was not in pain anymore and she was with Jesus, in His hands. Though we are now separated,she could not be better off. And has continued to be in my times of greatest need. God has rescued me more than once. There is nothing to fear with God in your life. The Bible also talks about comforting with the comfort we have received. When we go through difficulties like this we learn that God is always there for us,and will always be,if we turn to Him. Because once we do He makes Himself known. We can with His help,face anything and there is nothing to truly fear with Him,not anyone,not even death. God will be there with us all, through it all as Psalm 23 says. Even in or on the brink of death God is there with us. As I believe he was with many on that fateful day,bringing them home to Him. God is a God of comfort, Who will always be with us and there for us, in our time of need. We only need to look to Him and be open to Him. These times try our faith but they can help grow it too as we depend more upon God and He shows Himself to be dependable and caring and Someone we can always turn too. The mess can actually not only become our message,but can help make us. That is the blessing in the thorn. And still we rise. We can get through these times and be made anew. He can still do them. Look to Him and even when He does not always give answers,He always gives Himself and love and comfort, if we look to Him and choose to receive it. And it helps to always look to God for a lesson. God, what if anything am I to learn from this? And God will reveal that in time,though it may not be right away. And that is the purpose of climbing a mountain,to rise and climb higher until we reach the top. The purpose of mountains is to bring us higher, then,not cause us to stumble,crumble or fall. And also God, always in these times brings us closer to Himself, if we but look.

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