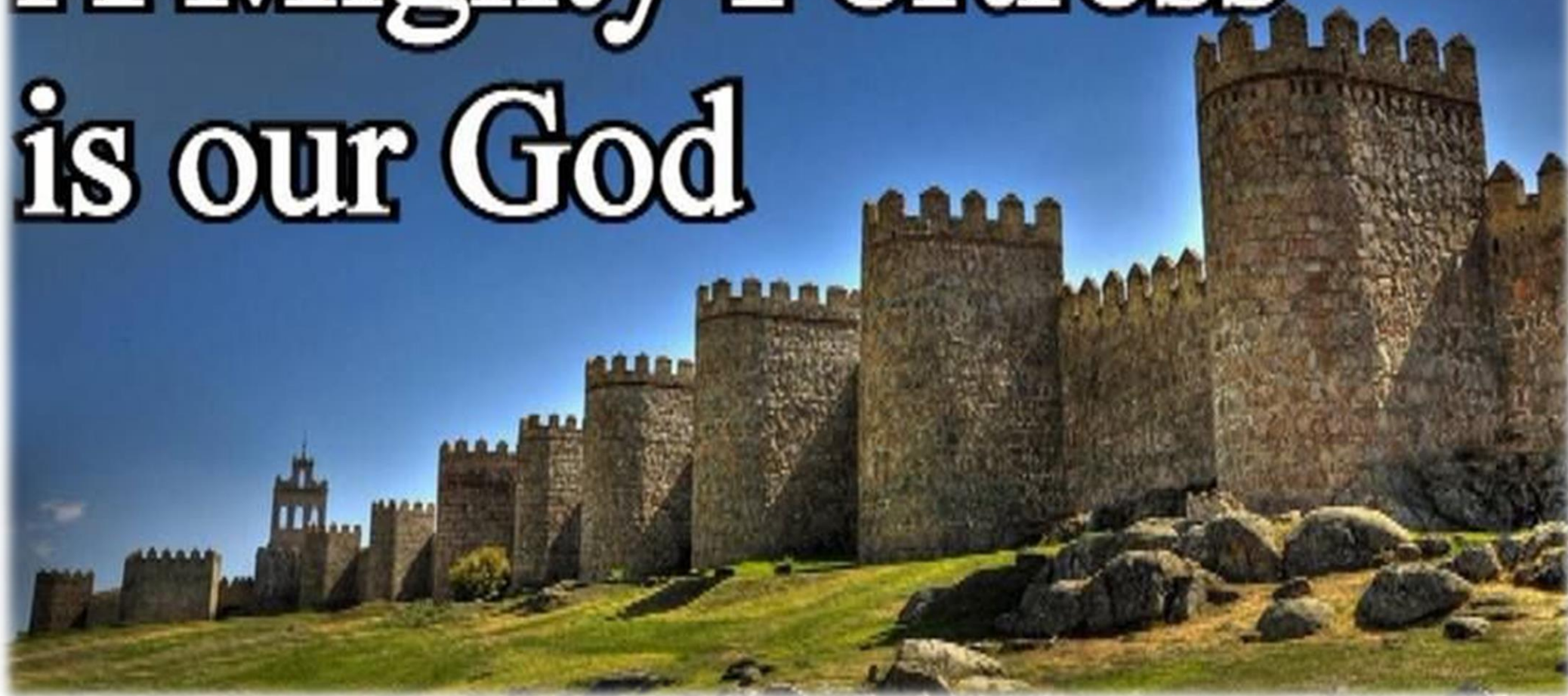




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**A Mighty Fortress  
is our God**



## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

- Hymn was written by Martin Luther in 1529
- He was a German monk & theologian
- It was composed during a time of great political & religious upheaval
- It is based on Psalm 46, which emphasizes God's protection & power
- Often referred to as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation," it reflects Luther's deep faith in God as a refuge & fortress against spiritual & earthly threats

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*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 power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.*

# GOD

OUR REFUGE



## God Is Our Refuge

- This stanza emphasizes that God is a place of safety during times of trouble

*1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1 ESV)*

- Even amid chaos, such as natural disasters, God stands strong & unshaken, symbolizing His power over all threats
- The hymn speaks of God as a "bulwark never failing," reflects His unchanging nature

## God Is Our Refuge

- That God helps in our struggles assures us that no matter what challenges arise, God's help prevails

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31 ESV)*

- Christ has already won the victory over the powers of this world.

*33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 ESV)*

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*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.*





**JESUS**

**IS OUR**

**CHAMPION**

## Jesus Is Our Champion

- This stanza reflects the reality of spiritual warfare, reminding us that our battle is not against flesh & blood but against spiritual forces
- God's truth & will stand firm despite worldly or spiritual attacks.

*no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord.” (Isaiah 54:17 ESV)*

## Jesus Is Our Champion

- God's Word will always prevail over falsehood

*17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.  
(John 17:17 ESV)*

- God's will ensures ultimate victory for believers.

*37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through him who loved us. (Romans 8:37 ESV)*

## Jesus Is Our Champion

- God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power & a sound mind
  - This reinforces our trust in Him despite the threats of evil
- 7 for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV)*

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through 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.*

# God Will Triumph Over Evil



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- This stanza reflects the reality of spiritual warfare, reminding us that our battle is not against flesh & blood but against spiritual forces

*12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

*(Ephesians 6:12 ESV)*

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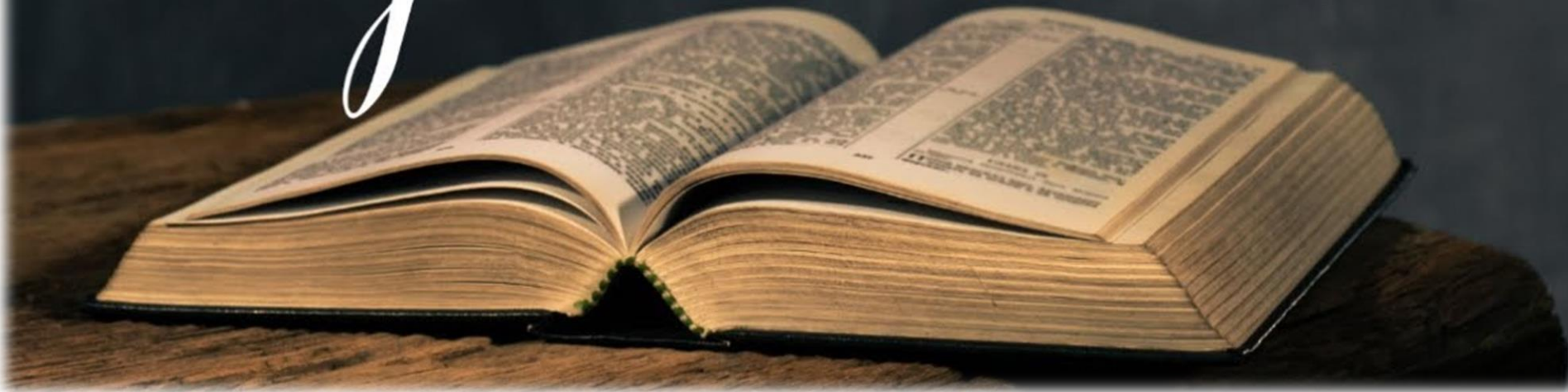
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## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through 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.*

# *The Power of God's Word*



## The Power of God's Word

- God's Word is living & active, stronger than any earthly power

*12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 ESV)*

## The Power of God's Word

- Believers are empowered by the Holy Spirit to stand firm, knowing that God is with them

*8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 ESV)*

## The Power of God's Word

- God equips us with spiritual gifts to serve Him & fight the good fight of faith (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)
- Earthly powers fade, but God's Word endures

*35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. (Matthew 24:35 ESV)*

- Christ, the Word of God, will return in glory, sealing victory over all evil (Revelation 19:11-16)

## Practical Applications

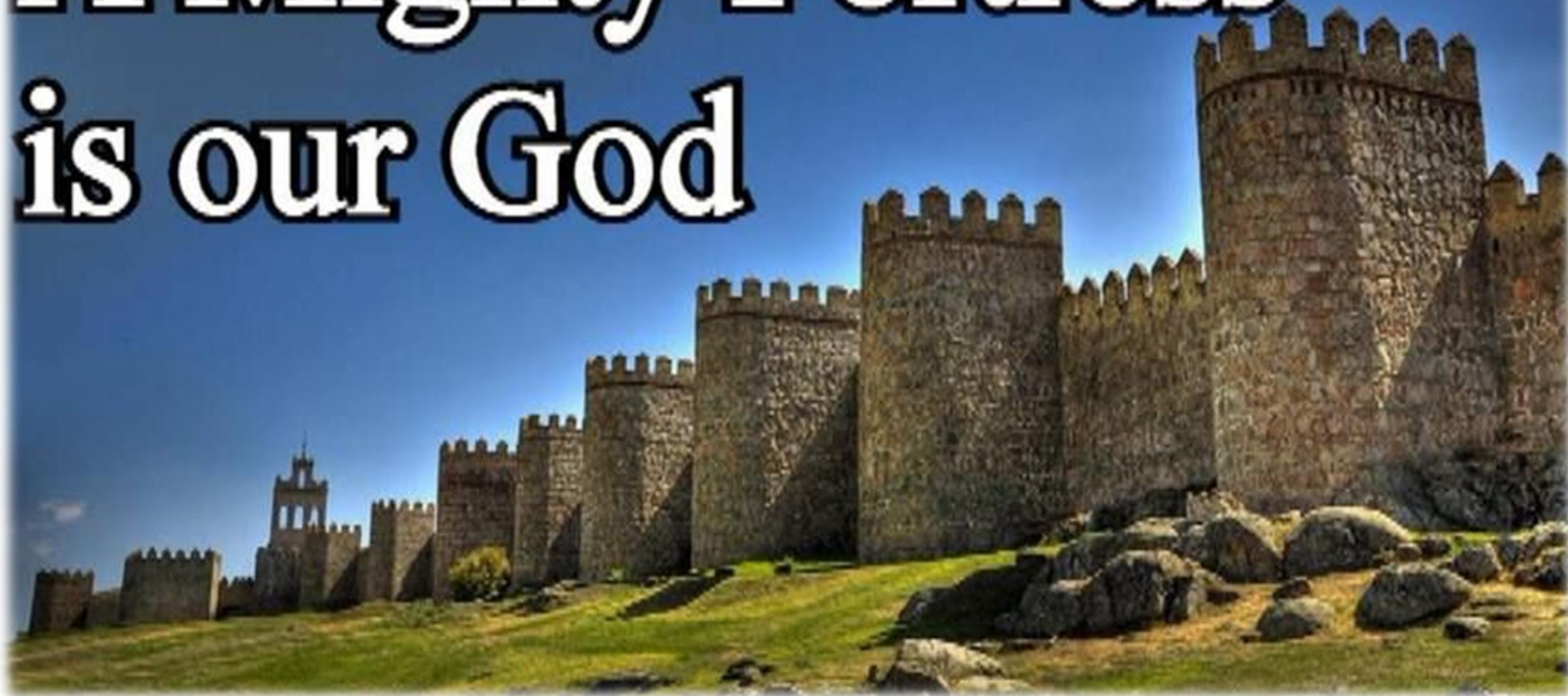
- In times of trial, turn to God for protection & strength, knowing He is a mighty fortress
- When facing challenges, remember that victory comes from God's strength, not human effort
- Use God's Word & the armor of faith to stand firm against spiritual battles
- Reflect on times when God has been your "mighty fortress" in the past & trust Him for the future

## Discussion Questions

- How has God been a "mighty fortress" in your life during difficult times?
- How do you handle fear when the world around you feels overwhelming?
- How can we rely more on God's strength instead of our own in everyday struggles?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in helping you stand firm in your faith?



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