

God is the Lord of Hosts

We are of the light (day), not of the night

We have protection and help when tempted

I. Lord of Hosts – 5 names of God in OT

Elohay Sabaoth = God of Hosts (Isa 10:16, 33; Jer 35:17; Am 5:27)

Elohim Sabaoth = God of Hosts (Psa 57:2; 78:35; 80:7)

Jehovah Adonai Sabaoth = God of Hosts (Ps 69:6; Isa 1:24; 3:1, 15; 10:23, 24; 19:4; 22:5, 12, 14, 15; 28:22; Jer 2:19; 46:10; 49:5; 50:25, 31; Am 9:5)

Jehovah Elohe Sabaoth = God of Hosts (1Ki 19:10, 14; Jer 5:14; Hos 12:5; Am 3:13)

Jehovah Elohim Sabaoth = God of Hosts (2Sam 5:10; Ps 59:5; 80:19; 84:8; 89:8; Jer 15:16; 38:17; 44:7; Am 4:13; 5:14, 15, 16; 6:8, 14)

II. Sābā - means army(ies).

Saba can refer to any arrayed army (Jud 4:2), the inhabitants of heaven (I Kgs 22:19), or the celestial bodies (Deut 4:19).

When used as a noun it is translated as "military service; war; army; service; labor; forced labor; or conflict."

When used as a verb it is translated as "to wage war, to muster an army, to serve in worship."

Lord of Hosts refers to Jehovah as the God of armies, that is, God has his armies to serve him.

The Israelites bore arms, but their victories resided in the fact that Jehovah, as head of armies, fought for them. When God fought for Israel so did all the forces of heaven.

An angel known as the commander (śar) of Jehovah's army appeared to Joshua to give him directions for going to battle against Jericho (Josh 5:13).

Unless the Lord of Hosts went to battle with Israel's army, their effort ended in failure (Ps 44:9; Prov 21:31).

III. Jehovah Saba is with us in our battle.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found and I ate them, And Your words became for me a joy and the delight of my heart; For I have been called by Your name, O Lord God of hosts.

2Sam 5:10 David became greater and greater, for the Lord God of hosts was with him.

Psa 57:2 I will cry to God Most High, To God who accomplishes all things for me.

2Ti 2:3-4 Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier in active service entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

2Cor 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

IV. Who we are and what we have in Christ

We are of the light

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (Mt 5:14-16; Jn 12:36; Phil 2:15)

1Thes 5:8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

1Pt 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

We are not of the night

Jn 12:46 I have come as Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

1Thes 5:4-5 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness (2Cor 6:14)

Rom 13:11-12 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Col 1:13-14 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Eph 5:8; Ac 26:18)

1Pt 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

Ps 112:4 Light arises in the darkness for the upright; (Ps 18:28; 107:14)

We have help in temptation

1Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

2Pt 2:9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,

Eph 6:13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Heb 2:18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

Heb 4:16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mt 6:13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil ... (Lk 11:4)

Mt 26:41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mk 14:38; Lk 22:40, 46)

We have Protection

2Thes 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

1Pt 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Ps 41:1-3 The LORD will deliver him in a day of trouble. The LORD will protect him and keep him alive, and he shall be called blessed upon the earth; and do not give him over to the desire of his enemies. The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; in his illness, You restore him to health.

Ps 121:5-8 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.

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