

Make God Bigger – Day 19

Metzudah – Fortress

“He said: ‘The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer.’” – 2 Samuel 22:2

When I think of a fortress, I imagine a massive structure, heavily armed and impenetrable. The gigantic installation I envision was built for the hour when danger is imminent. The materials used and the weapons gathered are there to protect the inhabitants and destroy the enemy.

The Bible describes God as a fortress for us. If He is our strong tower, of what is He built? What weapons has He supplied?

The apostle, Paul, gives us some hints in Ephesians 6. First, he defines the terms of battle. Though it is easy to get caught up in our flesh and blood struggles, he reminds us that the real fight is in the world of powers and principalities and that the spiritual weapons we have been given are powerful and effective against these forces. Our defensive weapons are the knowledge of the truth, right-standing with God, faith, and our testimony—our willingness to speak and stand on the truth of what God has already done for us. We do damage to the enemy with the “Sword,” the Word of God.

Though it's often explained as such, I think that the phrase, “which is the Word of God,” refers to more than use of Scripture as a weapon but points us to where we find the materials to build our fortress, including our weapons, and every part of our armor.

The Bible tells us of God's mighty deeds, it expresses His heart towards His children (love, love, and more love! Jeremiah 31:3 MSG) and it promises every good thing to those who love Him.

We don't often have a physical fortress to run to from the fears and dangers we face every day, but we can hide in the strong tower of God's Word. There we find what we need to calm us, strengthen us, and give us the wisdom and courage to fight real and imagined boogies men, confident of victory.

As we go through this study, learning verses that magnify the Lord and make Him bigger, we are building the walls of that tower higher and stronger!

Psalm 91:2

Psalm 144:2

Proverbs 18:10

Other Scriptures

What do these verses show you about the nature of God?

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