

For This God Is Our God....  
(Psalm 48:1-14)

Psalm 48 is a tribute to the inexpressible greatness of God and the magnificence of His presence in Mt. Zion. It also expresses the extreme joy and confidence of the inhabitants, God's chosen people. In verses four thru six it even appears that an invading army's observance of this glory caused them to quickly depart in fear.

The scriptures are filled with numerous other accounts of attacks by overwhelming forces, whether enemy armies, physical maladies, violent storms, or other varied situations of desperation, where God delivered His people by the glory of His power and presence. The recorded events in the Bible, though written so long ago, are written for our learning, that we through patience of the scriptures might have hope. In every account, whether it's the Red Sea dividing, the walls of Jericho crashing down, the healing of the leprous Syrian captain, a tumultuous storm on the Galilean Sea being spoken into submission, or as the Gospel of John states, the many others things that were done that are not in the written record, each and every one validates that the Lord God is the one and only true God. His glory is above the heavens, and He is the ultimate and absolute power in all that exists.

The written record of God working for, with, and through His people, is meant to help us in every circumstance as we journey through this life. When we opened our hearts and trusted Christ's finished work on the cross, God by His Holy Spirit made His residence in us as He did in Mt. Zion. Now His glory is meant to shine out from us, and His power and protection are available to us every moment of every day, so that the glory may be of God and not of us. Through the seasons of life, through trials and triumphs, in joys and sorrows, in times of profound faith and even in times of fear, may we look back to the great exploits and glory of God, and may it fill our hearts with joy and confidence as we remember that this God is our God for ever and ever. Amen!

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