

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.
- (3) And tho the 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.
- (4) That word above all earthly powers -  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ourselves  
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 BATTLE BELONGS TO THE LORD

- (1) In heavenly armour we'll enter the land;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
No weapon that's fashioned against us will stand;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.
- (chorus) And we sing glory, honor, power and strength  
to the Lord! We sing glory, honor, power and  
strength to the Lord.
- (2) When the power of darkness comes in like a flood;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
He'll raise up a standard, and the power of His blood;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.
- (3) When your enemy presses in hard, do not fear;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.  
Take courage, my friend, your redemption is near;  
The battle belongs to the Lord.

## YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place,  
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,  
Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You,  
I will trust in You. Let the weak say,  
“I am strong in the strength of the Lord.” (repeat all)  
(second time ending: “I will trust in You”)

## RESPONSIVE READING

### “The Christian Armor” - Ephesians 6:10-18

LEADER: Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

PEOPLE: For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

LEADER: Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

PEOPLE: Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

LEADER: And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

PEOPLE: Above all, taking the shield of faith wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

LEADER: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

PEOPLE: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there-unto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

## STAND UP FOR JESUS

- (1) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross!  
Lift high His royal banner – it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- (2) Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day.  
Ye that are men now serve Him,  
Against un-numbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger and  
Strength to strength oppose.
- (3) Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you -  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,  
Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.
- (4) Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle -  
The next, the victor's song.  
To Him that over cometh a crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory, shall reign eternally.

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**“The World’s Opposition” - John 15:18 – 16:4**

Intro:

I. Why Does the World Oppose the Christian Message – vs. 18-25

3 main reasons:

A. We no longer identify with the world – vs. 19

B. We now identify with Christ – vs. 20

C. The world is ignorant of God – vs. 21-25

1. have rejected His words and works – vs. 22-23

2. have hated Jesus without a cause – vs. 25

3. Jesus exposed their sin and provided the remedy

D. Jesus gives examples of persecution – 16:1-2

1. attempt to make us stumble

2. put out of the synagogue

3. martyrdom

II. God’s Ministry to Us in Times of Persecution

A. Presence & Power of the Holy Spirit – vs. 26 & 16:1

1. sent by the Father to encourage/empower/guide
2. to remind us of the truth – God’s word
3. testify of Christ – who He is and what He has done
4. helps us to witness – salt/light – to love, pray, serve
5. to produce ongoing fruit
6. to keep us from stumbling – stand firm

B. Being told ahead of time what to expect – vs. 3-4

Conclusion: