

Day Of Trouble

*.....call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you will honor me.
Psalm 50:15*

Who hasn't faced trouble? Some of you this morning are in a mess that you can't see any way out of. This verse offers us hope of escape, a way out, for it reminds us that God is present, powerful, and listening. And he still works miracles of escape and delivery even today. Let's recall how he has worked in the past, worship him for his works, and call on his name for help.

A Mighty Fortress

*Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed to the LORD : "O LORD Almighty, God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. Sennacherib has sent to insult the living God. "It is true, O LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste all these peoples and their lands. They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. **Now, O LORD our God, deliver us** from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God."*

*Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: **Because you have prayed to me** concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria, this is the word the LORD has spoken against the king of Assyria: "He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city," declares the LORD. "I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!" Then the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning—there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there.*

Isaiah 36:14-20;21-36

Be Still My Soul

*O LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! Many are saying of me, "God will not deliver him." But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side. Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. **Psalm 3***

His Power Will Prevail

PRAYER To you belongs dominion, O God. You rule and reign over every aspect of this world, and of our lives. We state by faith this morning that the salvation of the righteous come from you. You are our stronghold in times of trouble. This room is filled with songs of deliverance, and you will be adding additional verses to that song of praise as we trust in you. Some of us, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, face a blazing furnace. We say, as they did, that the God we serve is able to save us, and rescue us. Though the wrong seems overwhelmingly strong, you are the ruler yet. And ever if we are to go through the fire, we know that we can face anything if you go with us. And you promised, Jesus, that you **would** be with us, even to the end of the age. Armed with that hope, we can face anything. This is your world, and it is a privilege to be your child in it.

This Is My Father's World

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