

# Ancient Hymns: A Mighty Fortress

*"Within her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress." Psalm 48:3, English Standard Version*

We can \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves on the \_\_\_\_\_ of this famous hymn.

## A Brief Sketch Of The Life Of Martin Luther

A. Notes about the life of Martin Luther:

1. He was born in 1483 in \_\_\_\_\_. His father wanted him to become an \_\_\_\_\_.
2. On July 2, 1505 a \_\_\_\_\_ bolt frightened him, and he vowed to become a \_\_\_\_\_ if God would spare his life.
3. Luther was strongly against the selling of \_\_\_\_\_ as being unscriptural. He challenged the \_\_\_\_\_ Church to debate him, but he was largely ignored.
4. Later he was branded a \_\_\_\_\_, and though he originally wanted to improve the church, he eventually helped launch the \_\_\_\_\_ Reformation.

B. Luther wanted churches to change their \_\_\_\_\_ from a choir singing in \_\_\_\_\_ to singing in their own \_\_\_\_\_.

C. In 1521 Prince Frederick sheltered Luther in his \_\_\_\_\_. Did that influence the hymn we are studying?

## The Biblical Foundation Beneath "A Mighty Fortress"

A. Merker: Through the use of hymns, Luther's \_\_\_\_\_ would burrow \_\_\_\_\_ into the \_\_\_\_\_ of the German people.

B. God is a mighty fortress for His people:

1. Psalm 31:1-5 - \_\_\_\_\_ pleaded with God to be "a \_\_\_\_\_ fortress to \_\_\_\_\_ me." (Did \_\_\_\_\_ quote this psalm?)
2. Psalm 18:1-6,46 – The Lord is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ be my Rock!
3. Psalm 46:1,7 – The sons of \_\_\_\_\_ saw God as our \_\_\_\_\_ and strength. The God of \_\_\_\_\_ is our fortress.
4. Psalm 48:3 - \_\_\_\_\_ has made Himself known as a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Romans 8:31 – We have complete \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
6. Ephesians 5:18,19 – Christians are to \_\_\_\_\_ one another in \_\_\_\_\_, hymns, and \_\_\_\_\_ songs.

Joshua 1:9 – The value of this truth? We don't have to be \_\_\_\_\_, knowing that the \_\_\_\_\_ is with us \_\_\_\_\_ we go.

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