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Scriptural Selection

Ps. 46:1

- 1 GOD *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Ps. 62:8 (to 1st .)

- 8 Trust in him at all times; *ye* people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us.

Eph. 6:10 be

- 10 be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

II Kings 6:8-17 the king

- 8 the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my camp.
- 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down.
- 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.
- 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us *is* for the king of Israel?
- 12 And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.
- 13 ¶ And he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan.
- 14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.
- 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?
- 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* more than they that *be* with them.
- 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

Rom. 8:35, 37-39

- 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

- 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymns: 476, 298, 594

476

Fearful heart, put all your cares
Completely in your dear God's hands;
Love feeds you with Her great strength
And your faith will always stand.
Now as you go safely forward,
Walk securely in Love's grace.
Give to God the praise and glory;
Fear and doubt have no more place.

Longing heart, don't give up hope
When threats of evil overwhelm.
Love now keeps Her promise true,
God's sure hand is at the helm.
Bringing joy when all seems darkness—
God will keep you safe, secure.
You go forward, loved and peaceful:
Victory is always sure.

298

Saw ye my Saviour? Heard ye the glad sound?
Felt ye the power of the Word?
'Twas the Truth that made us free,
And was found by you and me
In the life and the love of our Lord.

Mourner, it calls you,—“Come to my bosom,
Love wipes your tears all away,
And will lift the shade of gloom,
And for you make radiant room
Midst the glories of one endless day.”

Sinner, it calls you,—“Come to this fountain,
Cleanse the foul senses within;
'Tis the Spirit that makes pure,
That exalts thee, and will cure
All thy sorrow and sickness and sin.”

Strongest deliverer, friend of the friendless,
Life of all being divine:
Thou the Christ, and not the creed;
Thou the Truth in thought and deed;

Thou the water, the bread, and the wine.

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594

We're steadfastly protected by Your power,
Encircled in the caring arms of Love.
Together, we are sharing all our days now,
And year by year come blessings from above.

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Refrain

We're each held safe by God's own holy power.
Whatever comes, Your comfort is at hand.
You're at our side at evening and at morning.
And each new day unfolds as You have planned.

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Your pure and quiet love spreads o'er us deeply;
We know Your fullness now and feel Your peace.
For Your one holy world of grace and power,
We all praise You with joy that will not cease.

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Refrain

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Benediction

Deut 33:27 (to :)

27 The eternal God *is thy* refuge, and underneath *are* the everlasting arms: