

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

By: Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need that has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done; soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord  
And there's no other God; He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us.  
This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, he can harm us none.  
He's judged; the deed is done! One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain, nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain with his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will—hate, steal, hurt, or kill—though all may be gone,  
Our victory is won; the kingdom's ours forever!

Notes:

Hymn # 200 from *Christian Worship*

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Tune: Ein Feste Burg

*"A Mighty Fortress" is often seen as the Great Hymn of the Lutheran Reformation. It's Martin Luther's paraphrasing of Psalm 46. Luther and his friends would often sing it to each other at particularly challenging times of their lives. For younger children, consider showing them a picture of a strong castle and ask them why God is like that.*

*We'll sing this hymn in worship on **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Until then, consider using it as a bedtime or after-dinner hymn with your family. The music you'll find online includes music for all four verses of the hymn, with one verse of introduction.*