



SERMON OUTLINE - SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

A Mighty Fortress is Our God!

Psalm 46:1

INTRODUCTION: *A special day – Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, beginning of summer sermon series: “Hymns That Preach”*

I. TODAY’S HYMN: *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

- A. Hymn writer: Martin Luther
- B. Restored congregational hymn singing to Christian worship
- C. Said: *“Next to theology, music is God’s most important gift to mankind.”*
- D. Hymn’s theme: being a Christian can be difficult, but God is our strength

II. LET’S LOOK AT WHAT THIS GREAT HYMN “PREACHES”

- A. *“A mighty fortress is our God, a sword & shield victorious” (Psalm 46:1)*
 - 1. God is our walled fortress
 - 2. He is our protection against any attacks
- B. *“The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe, with craft & dreadful might” (Ephesians 6: 11)*
 - 1. The devil’s chief weapon: deception – making us comfortable with sin
 - 2. The famous *Frog in the kettle experiment*
- C. *“But a champion comes to the fight, whom God Himself elected” (Genesis 3:15)*
 - 1. Jesus is our champion, our strength, God’s Truth who crushed the devil’s head
 - 2. Standing with Jesus today, the crushing of the devil’s head & lies continues
- D. *“We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us” (Matthew 16:18)*
 - 1. The confession of the true Faith in Jesus is a rock that hell cannot overcome
 - 2. Dear Confirmands: you stand on Jesus your Rock, & you don’t stand alone!
 - 3. The famous *A-B-C line experiment*
- E. *“For God himself fights by our side...the Kingdom’s ours forever” (Matthew 28:20)*
 - 1. Dear Confirmands: No matter what life brings, your Lord fights by your side
 - 2. *The Olympian Derek Redmond & his father* – crossing the finish line together

**CONCLUSION: Alime, Sara, Josh, Liam, Elisabeth –
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