

All-AGE WORSHIP

The name of the Lord is a strong tower

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Psalm 62:5-12 & Proverbs 18:10

SECTION	DESCRIPTION
Intro:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Children's Bible: Proverbs 18:10 The Lord is like a strong tower. Those who do what is right can run to him for safety.
A Story: (Slide 4-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I want to tell you a little story.• It is a true story because it happened to me.• When living in South Africa we lived close to a town called Witsand (White Sand).• This is where the Breede River flows out into the sea.• It is an idyllic place where we spend most of our free time.• We had a small boat and often went out on it to go fishing.• This spot can be dangerous as the river mouth is wide and the wind and currents can significantly influence the conditions on the river close to the mouth.• One day we were all out on the opposite bank to fish and have a picnic on the sand.• Suddenly the weather started turning and it was clear we could be caught out in a storm without any protection against the elements.• Gerhard and I quickly got the boys and our stuff into the boat and set off towards the harbour.• Neil was just a baby and sat on my lap.• We all had our life jackets on but panic soon set in.• The waves were huge.• The wind was strong.• We were in danger of capsizing.• Falling into that river during a storm would be life-threatening.• We did not know how we would get to safety.• Just then Gerhard spotted a cove and made a split-second decision to head there instead.• I know that was Jesus giving him direction as when we made landfall there was significantly less wind and we could wait out the storm in safety.• That cove was for us a place of refuge and protection against life-threatening forces around us.
Context:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This makes me think of our verse from Proverbs. (Slide 8)• "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous run into it and are safe"• Is this not great imagery?• The name of the Lord is a tower. (Slide 9)• So, picture a strong tower when an invading army is coming, and you flee.• You need a place of refuge and protection, so you run to the tower.

How is the name of the Lord a strong tower for us?

- That is the picture Solomon is trying to show us here.
- The name of the Lord is a strong tower.
- The righteous man runs into it and is safe.
- What does righteous mean again? (Living right / Right standing with God)
- So, what is the name of our Lord? (Yahweh/Jesus)
- God's name is a tower.
- Just think about that...
- The name of the Lord, Yahweh, the one true God, the everlasting God is where we find refuge and protection.

- **(Slide 10)**
- When difficulties come our way, we so easily panic and act on our feelings.
- But in difficult times we need to focus our attention on the **hope** and **life** that Jesus gives.
- We know we belong to him.
- Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so,
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. (Mark 10:16)
- And if you love someone, you do not neglect them, you take care of them.
- We know God is: **(Slide 11)**
 - **All-powerful** (Omnipotent) he has complete and total *control* over everything.
 - This includes the smallest things, like the falling of a sparrow or the number of hairs that grow on your head (Matt 6:26-30, 10:29-30).
 - And the big things because he also determines what nations will dwell in which territory (Acts 17:26). And He decides what king is to rule, and when, and where (Isa 44:28).
 - **All-knowing** (Omniscient)
 - God knows everything in himself, in his creation, and throughout history.
 - Psalm 139 emphasizes how deeply God knows *us*, wherever we are.
 - **All-present** (Omnipresent)
 - His presence is in every place and time. To say that God is "present" is to say that he is here with us, really here, not absent.
 - God made us a promise (covenant) "I will be your God, and you will be my people," a precious promise of togetherness with God (Exodus 6:7, 2Cor 6:16)
 - One of the names for Jesus is *Immanuel*, God with us (Isa 7:14, Matt 1:23)
 - God is present throughout heaven and earth, to carry out his own purposes.
 - We could say that since God is omnipresent, all his attributes are omnipresent as well—his power and knowledge, as well as his truth, love, grace, eternity, infinity, and everything else He is!
- So, what does this mean?
- It means He is the Lord.
 - The Bible uses the word LORD over 7,000 times when it talks about God's control, authority, and presence.
 - God's omnipotence is his **control** over all things.

<p>What did Jesus say? (slide 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His omniscience is his authority to declare what is true. ○ His omnipresence is his real existence in every time and place. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When He was on earth Jesus taught us many things. ● One of the things we find in John 14:13-14 <p>¹³ And if you ask for anything in my name, I will do it for you. Then the Father's glory will be shown through the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me for anything in my name, I will do it. (ICB)</p>
<p>In the name of Jesus: (Slide 13)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I want to highlight 3 things that we have in the name of Jesus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We have healing in the name of Jesus. 2. We have authority in the name of Jesus. 3. We have victory in the name of Jesus.
<p>Healing:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Bible tells us about 35 healing miracles Jesus performed. ● Can you think of an example? (Luke 7:1-10: Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant) ● Many of His miracles are not even mentioned in the Bible. ● The most amazing thing is that if we believe in Jesus, we can also put our hands on people and pray for them to be healed (Mark 16:17-18) ● Do you think this is only healing in our bodies? (No) ● How else can we be healed? ● Emotions = Matthew 11:28 <p>"Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads. I will give you rest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Thoughts = 2 Corinthians 10:5 <p>And we destroy every proud thing that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spirits = James 5:16 <p>Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. Do this so that God can heal you. When a good man prays, great things happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jesus heals us in every way we can think of!
<p>Authority:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We can take control of bad things in the name of Jesus (Luke 10:17) ● He has all the power and authority: <p>Matthew 28:18</p> <p>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He gives us power and authority: <p>Luke 10:19</p> <p>Listen! I gave you power to walk on snakes and scorpions. I gave you more power than the Enemy has. Nothing will hurt you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In Jesus we have all the authority to live right with God.
<p>Victory:</p>	<p>In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus We have the victory In the name of Jesus, in the name of Jesus Satan, will have to flee,</p>

	<p>tell me, who can stand before us When we call on that great name? Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus We have the victory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Corinthians 15:57 <p>But we thank God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So, what does he give us victory over? (Everything!) • Philippians 4:13 <p>I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isaiah 41:10 <p>So don't worry, because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you. I will support you with my right hand that saves you.</p>
<p>Nothing can separate us: (Slide 14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans 8:38–39 <p>Yes, I am sure that nothing can separate us from the love God has for us. Not death, not life, not angels, not ruling spirits, nothing now, nothing in the future, no powers, nothing above us, nothing below us, or anything else in the whole world will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p>
<p>Conclusion: (Slide 15)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms 62:6 <p>He is my rock, who saves me. He protects me like a strong, walled city. I will not be defeated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Song by Paul Baloche <p>Your name is a strong and mighty tower Your name is a shelter like no other Your name, let the nations sing it louder 'Cause nothing has the power to save But Your name</p>
<p>Moment of quiet reflection:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus should be the focus of everything we do. • We should want to run to him and want to be near him all the days of our lives. • When we pray to God, live for God, and trust Him, He watches over us and protects us. • We can always turn to Him in all circumstances when we are happy or sad, mad or upset; God always wants you near Him. • Let us close our eyes and think about how much God loves us...
<p>Prayer</p>	