

The Name of the Lord is a strong tower (Biblical Examples of Pursuers and Divine Deliverance)

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Tower (Proverbs 18:10)

**Abandenden ne Awurade din, eno
mu na ɔteneneeni dwane korɔ, na
ɔnya ahobammɔ.**

Introduction

In ancient times, towers were fortified structures built to protect cities or strongholds from enemies. They were places of safety during sieges, elevated and impenetrable.

Impenetrable Strength: A strong tower withstands attacks. God's power is unmatched, offering ultimate security against spiritual, emotional, or physical threats (Psalm 46:1).

Towers were build for safety

Proverbs 18:10

**THE NAME
OF
THE LORD**

**is a strong tower;
the righteous run to it
and are safe.**

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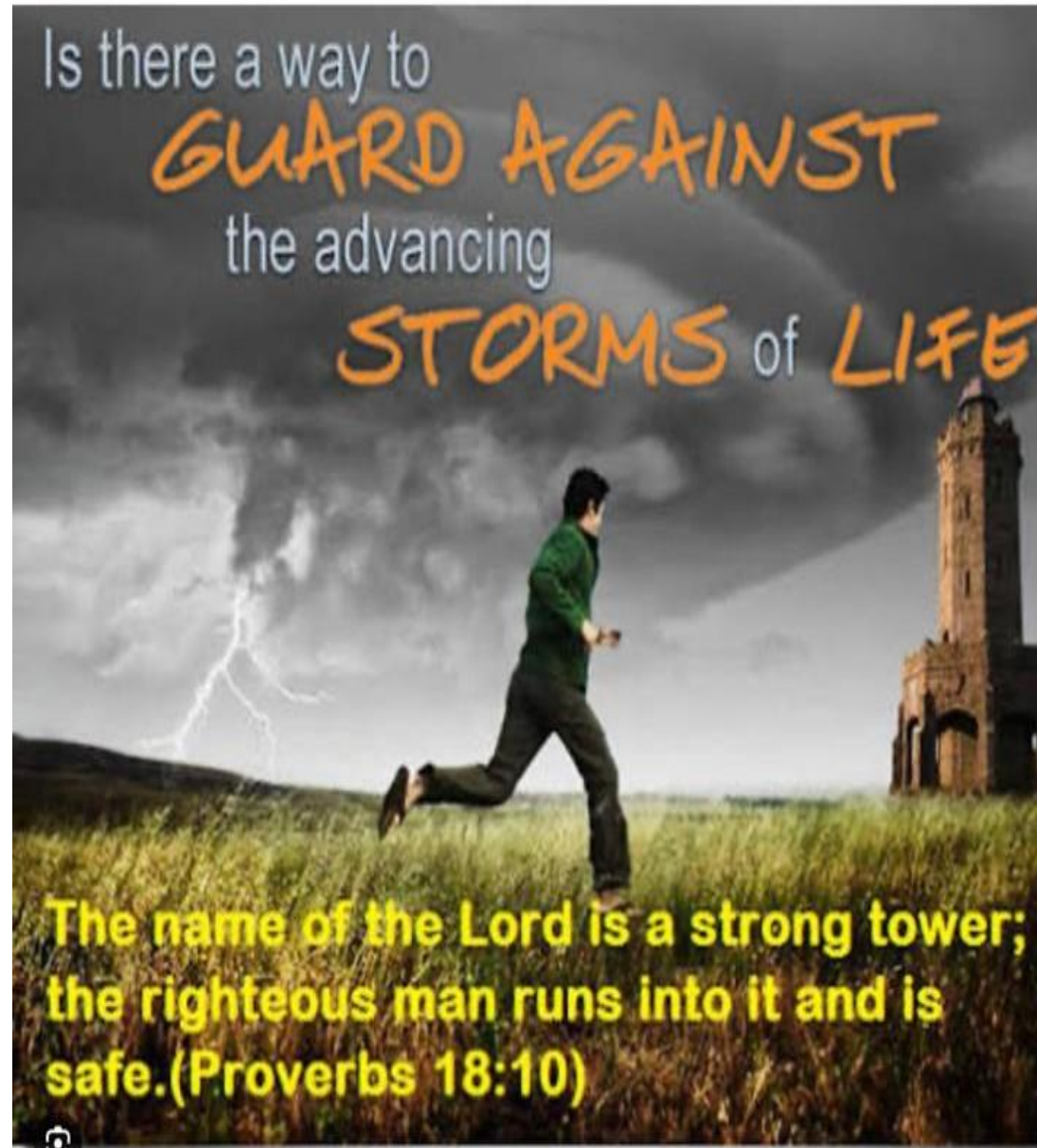


Elevated Safety:

Towers were often built on high ground, symbolizing a place above the chaos. Trusting in God lifts believers above life's storms, granting perspective and peace.

Accessible Refuge

The righteous can “run to” the tower, implying God’s availability. His presence is not distant but near to those who seek Him (Psalm 145:18).



Pharaoh and the Egyptians Pursuing the Israelites

- Context: After the Israelites were freed from slavery in Egypt, Pharaoh and his army pursued them to destroy them or bring them back into bondage. God intervened miraculously at the Red Sea, destroying the pursuers and delivering His people.

Intent of Pursuers: Pharaoh sought to recapture or defeat the Israelites to maintain his power and prevent their freedom.

Bible Text: Exodus 14:8-10, 23-28

Na AWURADE pirim Misraimhene Farao akoma maa no tii Israelfoo no, efiri se Israelfoo no de ahosepe keseɛ na efiri kɔɛɛ. 9 Na Misraimfoo tii won, Farao nteaseɛnam aponko nyinaa ne n'aponkofoo ne ne dom no, na wobɛtoo won se woakyere nsraban wo po no ano a ekyere Pihahiot wo Baalsefon anim. 10 Na Farao beneɛɛ no, Israelfoo no memaa won ani so, na hwe, na Misraimfoo di won akyiri reba. Na Israelfoo no suroo pii, na wosu frɛɛ AWURADE. won akyiri koo epo no mfimfini, Farao aponko ne ne nteaseɛnam ne n'aponkofoo nyinaa.

- 24 Na anɔpa nsraberε mu no AWURADE faa ogya ne mununkum dum no hwεε Misraim dɔm no, na ɔmaa Misraim dɔm no ho yeraa wɔn,
- 25 na ɔhwinhwan wɔn nteaseɛnam nan maa ne nantεε mu yεε du. Na Misraimfoɔ no se: Momma yennwane wɔ Israel anim, εfiri sε AWURADE ne Misraim reko ama wɔn.
- 26 Na AWURADE ka kyerεε Mose sε: Tene wo nsa εpo no so, na nsuo no nsane mmra Misraimfoɔ ne wɔn nteaseɛnam ne wɔn aponkɔfoɔ no so.

- 27 enna Mose tenee ne nsa epo no so, na adee rekye anopa no, epo no sanee n'akyi besenee sedge na etee, na Misraimfo no dwane behyiae. Na AWURADE kaa won guu po no mfimfini.
- 28 Na nsuo no sanee akwire bekataa Farao dom, nteaseenam ne aponkofo a wotii won baa epo no mu no nyinaa so, won mu baako mpo anka.

- **Application:** This example shows God's power to destroy pursuers and protect those who trust in Him.

Saul Pursuing David

- Context: King Saul, driven by jealousy and fear, relentlessly pursued David to kill him after God anointed David as the future king. David relied on God for protection, and Saul's plans were repeatedly thwarted, ultimately leading to Saul's downfall.
- **Intent of Pursuers:** Saul sought to eliminate David to secure his throne and prevent God's plan for David's kingship.

- Bible Text: 1 Samuel 23:14, 25-26
- “And David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand... Saul also and his men went to seek him... Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.”

- 14 Na Dawid kɔtenaa sere so bepo so atenaee ahodoɔ no mu, na ɔtenaa Sif sere so mmepɔ mu. Saul hwehwɛe no daa, nanso Onyankopɔn anyi no anhye ne nsa.
- 25 Akyire yi, Saul ne ne mmarima no ba behwehwɛe no. Bere a wɔka kyerɛɛ Dawid no, eho ara na ɔsiane kɔhyɛɛ ɔbotan mu, na ɔtenaa Maon sere so ho. Na Saul teeɛ no, ɔtii Dawid wɔ Maon sere no so.
- 26 Eduruu baabi no, na Saul nam bepo no fa ha, na Dawid ne ne mmarima no nso nam

- bepo no fa ha. Na Saul nti, na Dawid repɛ ntɛm afiri ho. Saa berɛ no nyinaa, na Saul ne ne mmarima no rebɛn Dawid ne ne mmarima no apɛ wɔn akye wɔn.
- 27 Nanso ɔbofoɔ baa Saul nkyɛn beka kyereɛ no sɛ: “Yɛ ntɛm bra, na Filistifoɔ abɛto ahyɛ asase no so!”
- 28 Enti Saul gyaeɛ Dawid akyiridie, na ɔkoɔhyiaa Filistifoɔ no. Eno nti na wɔbɛfrɛɛ ho Dwaneɛɛ Botan no.

Application: David's reliance on God as his refuge ensured his safety. This supports the warfare prayer's focus on divine protection and the destruction of the pursuer's plans.

Jews and Opponents Pursuing Paul

After his conversion, the Apostle Paul faced relentless pursuit from various groups, particularly Jews who opposed his preaching of the Gospel. In multiple instances, they sought to kill him or destroy his ministry. God consistently delivered him, fulfilling the imagery of God's name as a “strong tower.”

- **Intent of Pursuers:** The Jews and other opponents sought to silence Paul's preaching by killing him, viewing his message as a threat to their authority.

- Bible Text: Acts 9:22-25 (KJV); 2 Corinthians 11:32-33; Acts 14:19-20
- Paul escaped their plots multiple times through God's providence.
- Application: Paul's deliverance demonstrates God's protection over His servants.

- Acts 9:22 22 Nanso Saul kɔɔ so nyaa ahooden, na ɔmaa Yudafoɔ a wɔwɔ Damasko no ho yeraa wɔn, na ɔdii adanseɛ kyerɛɛ sɛ Yesu ne Kristo no.
- 23 Na nna pii akyi no, Yudafoɔ no bɔɔ pɔ sɛ wɔbɛku no.
- 24 Nanso Saul hunuu sɛ wɔabo ne ho pɔ. Na bio nso na wɔwɛn apono no ano awia ne anadwo sɛ wɔbɛnya no aku no.
- 25 Enti asuafoɔ no faa no anadwo no de no sii kɛnten kɛsɛɛ bi mu de no faa ɛkwan bi a ɛda fasuo no mu mu, gyaagyaa no nkakrankakra sii fam.

Herod Pursuing Jesus

- Context: King Herod, fearing the prophecy of a new “King of the Jews,” sought to kill the infant Jesus after His birth. God warned Joseph in a dream, and the family fled to Egypt, escaping Herod’s pursuit.
- **Intent of Pursuers:** Herod aimed to eliminate Jesus to protect his throne.
- Bible Text: Matthew 2:13-16
- “And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt... for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.”

Matt. 2: 13 – 15 Na wɔfiri ho kɔɛɛ no, hwɛ,
Awurade bofoɔ bi yii ne ho kyereɛ Yosef wɔ
daɛɛ mu sɛ: Sɔre fa abɔfra no ne ne na, na
dwane kɔ Misraim, na kɔtena ho kɔsi sɛ
mekka makyerɛ woɔ; na Herode rebɛhwɛhwɛ
abɔfra no aku no.

14 Na ɔsɔre faa abɔfra no ne ne na anadwo,
na ɔfirii ho kɔɔ Misraim,

15 na ɔwo ho ara kɔsii sɛ Herode wuiɛ; na
deɛ Awurade nam odiyifoɔ no so kaɛɛ no aba
mu sɛ: Mafɛ me ba afiri Misraim.

- Application: God's divine intervention protected Jesus, fulfilling Proverbs 18:10's promise of safety in God's name.