

Scriptures to Encourage Your Faith in Challenging Times

Psalm 46:1–3, 5 (KJV)

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

though the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved: God shall help her, *and that* right early.

Psalm 59:9 (KJV)

Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defense.

Psalm 62:7 (KJV)

In God *is* my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

Psalm 84:11 (KJV)

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Isaiah 12:2 (KJV)

Behold, God *is* my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he also *is* become my salvation.

Psalm 18:2, 30 (KJV)

The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

As for God, his way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Psalm 25:14 (KJV)

The secret of the LORD *is* with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.

Psalm 33:18 (KJV)

Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy.

Psalm 121:5 (KJV)

The LORD *is* thy keeper: The LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psalm 125:2 (KJV)

As the mountains *are* round about Jerusalem, so the LORD *is* round about his people from henceforth even forever.

Proverbs 18:10 (KJV)

The name of the LORD *is* a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and *is* safe.

Psalm 54:4 (KJV)

Behold, God *is* mine helper: The LORD *is* with them that uphold my soul.

Jeremiah 20:11 (KJV)

But the LORD *is* with me as a might terrible one: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: *their* everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.

Lamentations 3:24–25 (KJV)

The LORD *is* my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

The LORD *is* good unto them that wait for him, to the soul *that* seeketh him.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the LORD thy God He *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (ESV)

It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee withersoever thou goest.

Deuteronomy 20:4 (KJV)

For the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies to save you.

Hebrews 13:6 (ESV)

So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Deuteronomy 20:1 (KJV)

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses; and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Isaiah 41:10–13 (KJV)

Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee; be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, *even* them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Deuteronomy 9:3 (KJV)

Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

Deuteronomy 7:21 (KJV)

Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible.

Isaiah 43:1–3 (KJV)

But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name, thou *art* mine.

When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

Psalm 27:1–5 (KJV)

The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I be confident.

One *thing* have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD and to enquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me besides the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 91 (*The Passion Translation*)

When you sit enthroned under the shadow of Shaddai, you are hidden in the strength of God Most High.

He's the hope that holds me and the Stronghold to shelter me, the only God for me, and my great confidence.

He will rescue you from every hidden trap of the enemy and he will protect you from false accusation and any deadly curse.

His massive arms are wrapped around you, protecting you. You can run under his covering of majesty and hide. His arms of faithfulness are a shield keeping you from harm.

You will never worry about an attack of demonic forces at night nor have to fear a spirit of darkness coming against you.

Don't fear a thing! Whether by night or by day, demonic danger will not trouble you, nor will the powers of evil launched against you.

Even in a time of disaster, with thousands and thousands being killed, you will remain unscathed and unharmed.

You will be a spectator as the wicked perish in judgement, for they will be paid back for what they have done!

When we live our lives within the shadow of God Most High, our secret hiding place, we will always be shielded from harm. How then could evil prevail against us or disease infect us?

God sends angels with special orders to protect you wherever you go, defending you from all harm.

If you walk into a trap, they'll be there for you and keep you from stumbling.

You'll even walk unharmed among the fiercest powers of darkness, trampling every one of them beneath your feet!

For here is what the Lord has spoken to me: "Because you have delighted in me as my get lover, I will greatly protect you. I will set you in a high place, safe and secure before my face.

I will answer your cry for help every time you pray, and you will find and feel my presence even in your time of pressure and trouble. I will be your glorious hero and give you a feast.

You will be satisfied with a full life and with all that I do for you. For you will enjoy the fullness of my salvation."

Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:8–9 (KJV)

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things *are* true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things **are** pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report, if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (KJV)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding in.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

1 Samuel 12:22 (KJV)

For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

Psalms 37:28 (KJV)

For the LORD loveth judgement, and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Romans 8:35–39 (KJV)

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

As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

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.

Psalm 23 (The Passion Translation)

The Lord is my best friend and my shepherd. I always have more than enough.

He offers a resting place for me in his luxurious love. His tracks take me to an oasis of peace, *the quiet brook of bliss*.

That's where he restores and revives my life. He opens before me pathways to God's pleasure and leads me along in his footsteps or righteousness so that I can bring honour to his name.

Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way. Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. *I'll never be lonely, for you are near.*

You become my delicious feast even when my enemies dare to fight. You anoint me with fragrance of your Holy Spirit, you give me all I can drink of you until my heart overflows.

So why would I fear the future? For your goodness and love pursue me all the days of my life. Then afterward when my life is through, I'll return to your glorious presence to be forever with you!

Isaiah 43:1–4 (The Message)

But now, GOD's Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel:

“Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine.

When you're in over your head, I'll be there with you. When you're in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you're between a rock and a hard place, it won't be a dead end—

Because I am GOD your personal God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I paid a huge price for you: all of Egypt, with rich Cush and Seba thrown in!

That's how much you mean to me! *That's* how much I love you!

I'd sell off the whole world to get you back, trade the creation just for you.

Psalm 37:1–10 (TLB)

Never envy the wicked. Soon they fade away like grass and disappear. Trust in the Lord instead. Be kind and good to others; then you will live safely here in the land and prosper, feeding in safety.

Be delighted with the Lord. Then he will give you all your heart's desires. Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust him to help you do it, and he will. Your innocence will be clear to everyone. He will vindicate you with the blazing light of justice shining down as from the noonday sun.

Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act. Don't be envious of evil men who prosper.

Stop your anger! Turn off your wrath. Don't fret and worry—it only leads to harm. For the wicked shall be destroyed, but those who trust the Lord shall be given every blessing. Only a little while and the wicked shall disappear. You will look for them in vain.