

A STRONG TOWER

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

Proverbs 18:10

There are multiple names that are attributed to God in the Bible, and each one has a distinct meaning that reveals specific aspects of His character and nature. In the Old Testament, one of the primary names which is used over six thousand times is LORD or Jehovah. The basic meaning of LORD is “the self-existent one” or “He that is who He is”. From mankind’s perspective it is beyond anything we could ever hope to comprehend that the Lord had no beginning, but that He always was and always will be. The eternal nature of His name should bring comfort to our souls as we realize that He has been and always will be there for us in our time of need.

Today’s text tells us that the LORD’s name is a strong tower- a place of safety and security. When the sins and complexities of life rob a person of peace and hope of eternal life, it is His name that is called upon to find forgiveness, peace, and a reconciled relationship with God. When we start learning to discern God’s will and we are wavering to make the right decision, it is this tower that we can run to and find the safety of His guidance. As the ailments of our flesh assault us, causing fear and anxiety, it is this name that reminds us that the Eternal One has us securely in His hands. In this tower we can unload our heavy burdens and find relief in the One who bore our griefs and carried our sorrows. This tower has stood the test of time and is as strong today as it has been from eternity past. All that evil men can hurl against it, and even the devil and all his minions cannot affect the tower of the LORD’S name. When everything in this world collapses, this tower will still stand because it stood before the creation of the world, and it will stand when all else fails. May we run to this tower often; may we run there today.

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