

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Verse 3

And though this world with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear for God has willed,
His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
We tremble not for him.
His rage we can endure,
For lo' his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
No thanks to them abideth,
The Spirit and the gifts are ours,
Through Him who with us sideth,
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also,
The body they may kill,
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.

about this hymn: Words: Psalm 100; Paraphrased, William Kethes Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 Edition, attr. Louis Bourgeois
Long ago, a man named Martin Luther was thinking about this Bible truth, too. He wrote the words to a hymn called "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" We're going to learn a couple verses from it."

We do not have to look very far to see signs that God's good world and good ways are challenged by a powerful enemy called Satan. He and other angels rebelled against God long ago. No wonder his nickname is the "Prince of Darkness" and these rebel angels are called demons! They love to oppose God. These enemies also want to cause trouble for God's people. This may sound very scary. No one wants to have powerful enemies like these. But the good news is that they are not even close to a match for God. He is so much more powerful than they are. He will always win over any of their wicked plans. And thanks to Jesus, God gives His people powerful gifts to fight these enemies, too. He puts His Holy Spirit in their heart to make them bold. He gives them other abilities that help them fight, too. Yes, with Jesus on the side of God's people, it doesn't matter what Satan might have planned. God will always win. His kingdom is forever.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, v.3

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World

Thumb and index fingers of downturned right "5" hand are placed on sides of downturned "S" hand. The right hand pivots back and forth while keeping light contact with left hand.



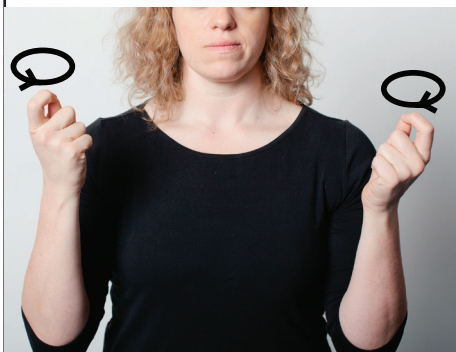
Threaten

Left closed hand is held in front of body, knuckles facing right. Back of right "A" thumb is moved over the back of the left hand and up.



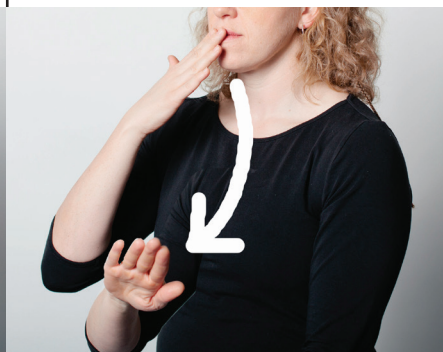
Fear, Tremble

Move hands, fingers together, across chest inward at the same time, opening hands as you move inward.



Triumph

Both upright hands pretend to grasp imaginary flags and wave them in small circles at head height.



Grim

Tips of right "B" hand touch closed lips then the hand is moved downward, as if tasting something then throwing it down.



Not

Right "A" thumb is placed under chin, palm facing left, then moved forward in an arc and pivoted until knuckles face forward.



Rage

Fingertips of curved hands are placed on abdomen and drawn up chest forcefully in slight inward arcs.



Doom

The right palm, fingers together, palm facing left, slides along the side of the index finger of the left hand which has fingers together and palm facing body.



Word

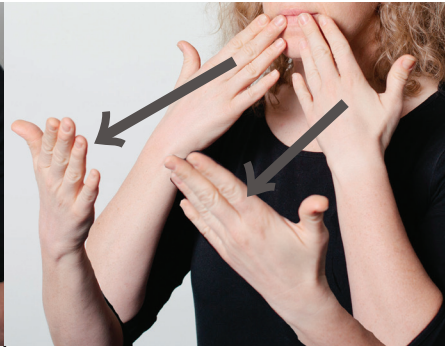
Tips of right index finger and thumb are held about an inch apart as they are brought to touch index finger of extended left index finger.

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Word
 Tips of right index finger and thumb are held about an inch apart as they are brought to touch index finger of extended left index finger.



Thanks
 Touch lips with fingertips of both flat hands, then move hands forward until palms are facing upward.



Spirit
 Right "H" hand, palm facing left, slides from heel to fingertips of left flat hand, palm up. Then touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.



Sideth
 Tap the right "S" hand twice against side of the left "S" hand, palms facing in.



Kindred
 "P" hands, held side by side, make alternating forward circles.



Life
 Upturned thumbs of "A" hands move upward in front of chest in unison.



Body
 Both flat hands touch body on upper chest then move downward and touch body again.



Truth
 Place the right index finger, palm facing left, on lower lip. Move the finger up and then out, making an arc.



Forever
 Downturned right "Y" hand moves up and away from body.

Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats

Now, Lord, consider their threats,
Enable your servants to speak Your word,
Now, Lord, consider their threats,
Enable your servants to speak Your word,
With great boldness,
With great boldness.

After they prayed,
The place where they were meeting
was shaken,
And they were all filled,
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
And they spoke boldly,
And they spoke boldly,
And they were all filled,
They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

about this Bible verse:

Words: Acts 4:29,31, NIV 1984 Music: Constance Dever ©2012

The Bible tells us God made people in the beginning. He made them in His image, that means, they reflect Him in a very special way. Of all the earthly creatures, they alone were created with a spirit, like God's Spirit, that can know and love God. God created people to be able to see God's glory in everything He made. And, He created them to care for the world He created as caretakers under Him.

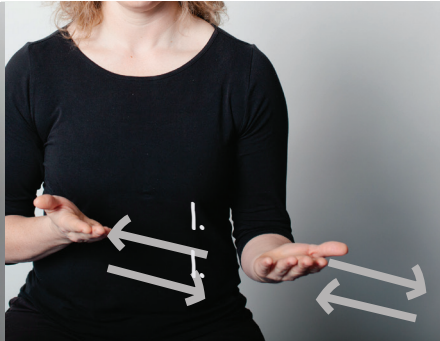
Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats Acts 4:29,31

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Lord

Thumb of right "L" hand, palm facing left. touches left shoulder, then is brought down to touch right hip.



Servants

Move both flat hands back and forward in opposite directions.



Word

Left middle finger touches right palm, then right middle finger touches left palm. Bring flat hands are held together, palms touching and fingertips pointing forward, then opened with the little fingers still touching as if opening a book. (Signs for Jesus + book)



Great

Left flat hand rests on back of right flat hand. Right flat hand is then brought up and around left hand and pivots so that back of right hand rests in left palm.



Boldness

Touch chest below shoulders with fingertips of both open hands. Then move hands forward forcefully, changing them into "S" hands.



Prayed

Hold flat hands together in pray position. If desired, can bow head, too.



Shaken

Hold open hands in front of body, palms facing each other. Both hands are moved in and out, while wiggling fingers back and forth at the same time.



Filled

Left arm, palm down, faces right with index finger extended and touching elbow of right arm, which points up with index finger extended up. Right arm is then pivoted down in an arc until it rests just above left elbow.



Holy Spirit

Right "H" hand, palm facing left, slides from heel to fingertips of left flat hand, palm up. Then touch the thumbs and index fingers of both "T" hands to each other, right hand above left, palms facing each other. Draw hands apart in an upward motion.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God, vs.3-4

B \flat F Dm Gm C F Gm Dm E \flat B \flat Gm Cm F B \flat

2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be los-ing; Were
 3. And tho' this world with de-vils filled, Should threat-en to un-do us, We
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a bid-eth; The

5 F Dm Gm C F Gm Dm E \flat B \flat Gm Cm F B \flat E \flat B \flat C

not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos-ing: Dost ask who that may
 will not fear, for God has willed His truth to tri-umph thro' us: The Prince of Dark-ness
 Spir-it and the gifts are ours Thro'Him who with us sid-eth: Let goods and kin-dred

10 F B \flat A $^+$ B \flat E \flat A $^\circ$ Gm F $^\#m$ Gm A 6 B \flat^{13} C F E \flat

be? Christ Je-sus, it is He; Lord, Sa-ba-oth, His name, From
 grim, We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-dure, For
 go, This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may kill: God's

15 B \flat G Cm D Gm Dm E \flat B \flat Gm Cm F B \flat

age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 lo, his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er.

Words and Music: Martin Luther

Now, Lord, Consider Their Threats

C D7 F C F A F G
 Now, Lord, con - sid - er their threats, en - a - blyour ser - vants to speak Your word,

5 C D7 F C F A G F C
 Now, Lord, con - sid - er their threats, en - a - ble your ser - vants to speak Your word, with great

9 A F9 A G C D7 F C
 bold - ness, with great bold - ness. Af - ter they prayed the

13 F A F G C D7 F C
 placewherethey're meet ing was shak - en, And they were all filled, they

17 F A G C A F A G
 were all filledwith the Ho - ly Spir - it, and they spoke bold - ly, and they spoke bold - ly.

21 C D7 F C F A
 And they were all filled, they were all filled with the

24 G F C D7 G C
 Ho - ly Spir - it. Acts Four, twen - ty - nine and thir - ty - one.

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