

Psalms 124

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Our Help Is in the Name of the Lord

- 1 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;
- 2 If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us;
- 3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us;
- 4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul;
- 5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

- 6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
- 7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Heaven — שָׁמָיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמָיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

Lord — אֱלֹהִים / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Wrath — ַף (Aph)

Wrath, anger

The Hebrew **aph** (אַף) literally means 'nose' or 'nostrils,' idiomatically expressing wrath or anger—God's righteous indignation against sin. Yet God is 'slow to anger' (Exodus 34:6) and 'abundant in mercy.'

CROSS REFERENCES

Psalms 124:1 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 56:9; 121:1; Romans 8:31. **References Lord:** Psalms 27:1; 46:7; 54:4; 94:17; 120:1; 125:1; 127:1

Psalms 124:2 **References Lord:** Psalms 3:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:16; 37:32

Psalms 124:3 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 35:25; 57:3; Daniel 3:19; Matthew 2:16; Acts 9:2

Psalms 124:4 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 69:15; Isaiah 59:19; Revelation 17:15

Psalms 124:5 **Parallel theme:** Job 38:11

Psalms 124:6 **References Lord:** Psalms 118:13; 1 Samuel 26:20. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 17:9

Psalms 124:7

Parallel theme: Psalms 25:15; 91:3; 1 Samuel 25:29; 2 Samuel 17:2; Proverbs 6:5; Jeremiah 5:26; 18:22; 2 Timothy 2:26

Psalms 124:8

Creation: Psalms 115:15; 121:2; 134:3; Genesis 1:1; Jeremiah 32:17; Acts 4:24
