



LORD OF HOSTS

Do we really understand the powerful God that we serve? If we truly understood the God that we serve, we would not struggle with many of the things we struggle with.

The Lord Of Hosts

- Refers to the Lord of armies, Jehovah Sabaoth. Mentioned over 280 times in the Bible. God of the armies of the earth, the stars, the planets, and the angels unseen. The hosts include the creatures, like the locusts and frogs used in the plagues on Egypt, as well as the people of the old and new covenant.
- When you call upon the God of armies, you are calling upon God in all of His military might. If we truly understood this, we would be more careful with what we do and say.
- The armies of the earth accomplish God's purposes.

1 Samuel 1:3; 2 Samuel 7:26-29

- In both of these examples, God is entering into covenant with a person and refers to Himself as the Lord of hosts. This means He will battle to ensure that the thing He has promised *will* come to pass.

2 Samuel 5:10

- David was a powerful warrior because he knew the God that he served. He knew that the God of armies was with him—armies for battle, and armies for worship.
- We are not battling by ourselves, but have all of the armies of heaven battling with us.

Isaiah 45:23, 11-13

- Standing before the Lord of hosts, you will bow.
- When God says something will come to pass, He sends armies to enforce it. There will not be a battle when Jesus comes back!

Psalms 24:9-10

- There is something powerful about a military leader coming through with all his military force. Imagine what it would be like if God came through with all His host!

Psalms 46:7-8, 11; Psalms 48:8; 69:6; 80:3-7

- When the enemy tells you how busy he is, remind him through Scripture that you belong to the Lord of hosts!

2 Kings 6:8-19

- The children of Israel would call for the ark of the covenant when they went into battle, which represented the presence of God. The name on the ark was the Lord of hosts.
- When you pray, you want to align with the Lord and understand that your faith is in the Lord of armies. This confidence is why Elisha could trust that he was not in danger although the people were against him; it is why Jesus stayed on the cross, knowing he could call down armies of angels. This is the same God that fights for us!

The God of armies is already in battle array, ready to go.

James 5:4

In many of the prophets, major and minor, when prophecy went forth, it was addressed from the Lord of hosts. God is a God of justice and righteousness. He will bring to pass what His Word says. Make sure you are not living in contradiction with His Word.

Revelation 19:11-16

When we are humiliated and ashamed like Hannah, we are to call on the Lord of hosts. But if we disobey, know that the Lord of armies is there to discipline. Humble yourself before God. He is the Lord of hosts!