



LORD, I WANT TO
KNOW YOU

A STUDY BASED OFF THE BOOK BY KAY ARTHUR

The Lord of Hosts

Jehovah-sabaoth

Have you ever heard stories of Christians being beat down and persecuted and wondered how in the world they kept their faith? It's hard for us in our Western society to put ourselves in their shoes. But the truth is, they are not leaning on their own strength of faith - they are running to the Lord of Hosts.

The Lord of Hosts is our strong tower, our safe place.

Kay Arthur writes, "So often, not until find ourselves failing and powerless do we realize our need to run to our Jehovah-sabaoth. This is a name for those who find their resources inadequate in the midst of a struggle. This is the name of God to run to when there is no other help - from our perspective."

Our God comes through in His time, for our good and His glory - always!

In the Bible

1 Samuel 1:6-7, 10-11

6 And her rival used to provoke [Hannah] grievously to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7 So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. 10 She was deeply

distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. 11 And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.”

[God answered Hannah's prayer here and she gave birth to Samuel.]

Psalm 46:7

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower;
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Questions

- 1.) Jehovah-sabaoth is the Lord of hosts. What does this mean?
- 2.) What is the pre-requisite for calling on the Lord of Hosts? (Look at Proverbs 18:10)
- 3.) We're not righteous on our own. How do we become righteous so that we can call on the Lord of Hosts?
- 4.) In what kind of situation can you see that knowledge of this name would be valuable? (Past, present, or future.)