

Praying to the LORD of heaven's armies

 Yahweh Tsabaoth: the LORD of hosts, The LORD of heaven's armies, The LORD of angel armies

I. What is true about God?

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates,
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!

Note that Who is the King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O gates,
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in!

Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of heaven's armies,
He is the King of glory

1 Samuel 17:45-46

⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give

the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!

Psalm 46:1-11

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change

And though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea;

³ Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride. Selah.

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

The holy dwelling places of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of her, she will not be moved;

God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶ The nations made an uproar, the kingdoms tottered;

He raised His voice, the earth melted.

⁷The LORD of heaven's armies is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD,

Who has wrought desolations in the earth.

⁹ He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;

He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two;

He burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰ "Cease striving and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

¹¹ The LORD of heaven's armies is with us;

The God of Jacob is our stronghold

Psalm 84:1-12

How lovely are Your dwelling places,

O LORD of heaven's armines

² My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

³ The bird also has found a house,

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts,

My King and my God.

⁴ How blessed are those who dwell in Your house!

They are ever praising You. Selah.

⁵ How blessed is the man whose strength is in You,

In whose heart are the highways to Zion!

⁶ Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a spring;

The early rain also covers it with blessings.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,

Every one of them appears before God in Zion.

⁸O LORD God of heaven's armies, hear my prayer;

Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah.

⁹ Behold our shield, O God,

And look upon the face of Your anointed.

¹⁰ For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand *outside*.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God

Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

The LORD gives grace and glory;

No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of heaven's armies,

How blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Isaiah 37:14-20

¹⁴ Then Hezekiah took the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it, and he went up to the house of the LORD and spread it out before the LORD. ¹⁵ Hezekiah prayed to the LORD saying, ¹⁶ "O LORD of heaven's armies, the God of Israel, who is enthroned *above* the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. ¹⁷ Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and listen to all the words of Sennacherib, who sent *them* to reproach the living God. ¹⁸ Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the countries and their lands, ¹⁹ and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So they have destroyed them. ²⁰ Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone, LORD, are God."

Jeremiah 20:11-13

But the LORD is with me like a dread champion;
Therefore my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.
They will be utterly ashamed, because they have failed,
With an everlasting disgrace that will not be forgotten.

12 Yet, O LORD of heaven's armies, You who test the righteous,
Who see the mind and the heart;
Let me see Your vengeance on them;
For to You I have set forth my cause.

13 Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD!
For He has delivered the soul of the needy one
From the hand of evildoers.

Malachi 4:1-3

The LORD of Heaven's Armies says, "The day of judgment is coming, burning like a furnace. On that day the arrogant and the wicked will be burned up like straw. They will be consumed—roots, branches, and all.² "But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go free, leaping with joy like calves let out to pasture. ³ On the day when I act, you will tread upon the wicked as if they were dust under your feet," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

Revelation 12:7-9

⁷Then war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels also fought, ⁸ but he could not prevail, and there was no place for them in heaven any longer. ⁹ So the great dragon was thrown out—the ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the one who deceives the whole world. He was thrown to earth, and his angels with him.

¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. ¹² His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. ¹³ He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. ¹⁶ On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

¹⁷ Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, shouting to the vultures flying high in the sky: "Come! Gather together for the great banquet God has prepared. ¹⁸ Come and eat the flesh of kings, generals, and strong warriors; of horses and their riders; and of all humanity, both free and slave, small and great."

¹⁹ Then I saw the beast and the kings of the world and their armies gathered together to fight against the one sitting on the horse and his army. ²⁰ And the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who did mighty miracles on behalf of the beast—miracles that deceived all who had accepted the mark of the beast and who worshiped his statue. Both the beast and his false prophet were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. ²¹ Their entire army was killed by the sharp sword that came from the mouth of the one riding the white horse. And the vultures all gorged themselves on the dead bodies. Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. ² He seized the dragon—that old serpent, who is the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years. ³ The angel threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so Satan could not deceive the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished.

II. If I believed this to be true of God, how would I pray and what would I pray for?