

Psalms 124:1-4 (NLT)

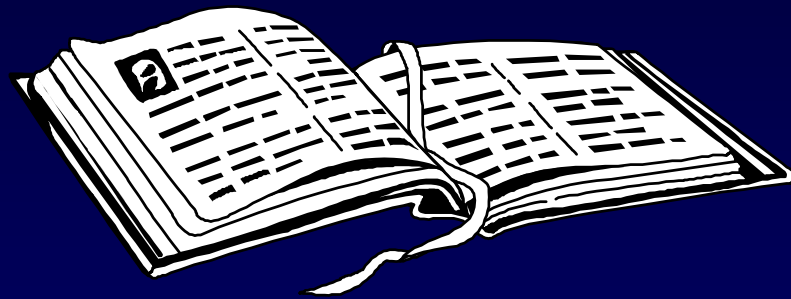
[1] What if the Lord had not been on our side? Let all Israel repeat: [2] What if the Lord had not been on our side when people attacked us? [3] They would have swallowed us alive in their burning anger. [4] The waters would have engulfed us; a torrent would have overwhelmed us.

Psalms 124:5-8 (NLT)

[5] Yes, the raging waters of their fury would have overwhelmed our very lives. [6] Praise the Lord, who did not let their teeth tear us apart! [7] We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free! [8] Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

THE BIG “IF”

Psalm 124:1-8



**If the Lord had NOT been on Our Side
we would have been... vs.1-5**

- **Swallowed Alive**
- **Surrounded**
- **in Over our Heads**
- **Swept Away**

God in His Sovereignty... vs. 6-8

- **did Not Deliver us to our Enemies**
- **BROKE the Trap in which we were Stuck**
- **set us FREE**

Psalms 20:7

**Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but **WE TRUST**
in the name
of the **LORD our God.****

**Name of the Lord = the POWER
and PRESENCE our God**

**Maybe God brings us to these
points of Crisis...**

**...SO THAT we will Learn to
TRUST Him and to Seek
His Glory in all Things.**

2 Corinthians 1:8-9

...about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far BEYOND our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life.

[9] Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves BUT ON GOD, who raises the dead.

2 Timothy 4:16-18

At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. [17] But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength,...

Romans 8:31-32

What, then, shall we say in response to this?

**IF GOD IS FOR US,
WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?**

[32] He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Psalms 118:6

The LORD is with me;

I WILL NOT BE AFRAID.

What can man do to me?

C. S. Lewis - Screwtape Letters

“Never forget that that when we are dealing with pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form we are in a sense on the enemies ground.

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***I know we have won many a soul through
pleasure but all the same it is His
invention not ours.***

HE MADE THE PLEASURES.

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All our research so far has not enabled us to produce one. All we can do is to encourage the humans to take the pleasures which the enemy has produced at times or in ways or in degrees which He has forbidden.

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So we always try to work away from the NATURAL condition of any pleasure to that in which it is least natural, least reminiscent of it's maker, and least pleasurable.

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An ever increasing

CRAVING

for an ever diminishing pleasure

is the formula.”

1 Timothy 6:17

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with **EVERYTHING FOR OUR ENJOYMENT.**

**Perversion = the changing or
distorting of something good**

Philippians 4:12-13

I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. [13] I CAN DO EVERYTHING through him who gives me strength.