



DANGER!

PSALM 124: A Song of Ascents. Of David.

1. _____ will rise up against us.

[2] if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us, [3] then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

2. _____ will try to sweep us off our feet.

[4] then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; [5] then over us would have gone the raging waters.

1 Peter 4:12–19 [12] Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ... [19] Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

3. Our _____ will try to trap us.

[7] We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

4. Our _____ is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

1 Co 12:9 His grace is sufficient for us and his power is made perfect in weakness

Is. 40:29 He gives power to the faint; to him who has no might, he increases strength.

[6] Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

“The psalmist is not a person talking about the good life, how God has kept him out of all difficulty. This person has gone through the worst—the dragon’s mouth, the flood’s torrent— and finds himself intact. He was not abandoned but helped. The final strength is not in the dragon or in the flood, but in God who did not leave us.”

--Eugene Peterson

DIGGING DEEPER

Questions and reflections for your own personal or group study.

1. Open forum here: what stood out to you from the message?
2. Read 1 Peter 4:12-19. What stands out to you as you read?
3. Have you had experience with people rising up against you *because of your faith*.
4. In what ways do you see the “tide of culture” moving against the people of God?
5. Have you been in danger of losing your footing against the torrent of culture? How? How have you resisted?
6. What are some of the “deceptive schemes” of our enemy to trap us?
7. Re-read Psalm 124 out loud. Who is the hero?
8. Take some time to praise him for the great rescue he has performed.