

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Strongholds for Victory

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2 Corinthians 10.3-6 The Message

³⁻⁶ **The world is unprincipled.** It's dog-eat-dog out there! The world doesn't fight fair. But we don't live or fight our battles that way—never have and never will. The tools of our trade aren't for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire massively corrupt culture. **We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.**

- Some translations call our powerful God-tools "divine weapons". Divine weapons have the power to demolish strongholds set up against the knowledge of God.
- As believers we bring every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. We align our thoughts, our conversations and our beliefs to what God says, not the world.
- Warped philosophies come from culture and the world system. They combine with powerful political spirits to control the thoughts and actions of people groups.
- A wrong belief system in our mind can become a stronghold of the enemy. A place where we are held captive and cannot advance or experience the full blessing and promises of God in our life.
 - This is the place where the Amorites have invaded. The talking-heads that continually spew their warped philosophies.
 - 'Amorites' symbolize the voices contrary to what God speaks. The sin of the Amorites is using persuasive words to turn people away from God to idolatry. (Gen 15.13-16).
 - Doubt
 - Unbelief
 - Culture
 - Politics
 - Intellectualism
 - Pretension
 - Arguments
 - Reasoning
 - Intimidation
 - Legalism
 - Fears
 - Anxiety
 - What if's
 - Arrogance
 - Each of the above can create a stronghold (can be described as a fortress or castle) on the mind that resists God.



David is an example of a Godly stronghold or fortress – a belief system that says God is able. God above is my provider and resource in all situations.

Contrast the two strongholds. The substance of one stronghold blocks God. The substance of the other is faith, belief and reliance upon God for all things. Both are strongholds.

Psalm 27.1-3 NIV

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?**

² When the wicked advance against me
to devour me,
it is my enemies and my foes
who will stumble and fall.

³ **Though an army besiege me,
my heart will not fear;
though war break out against me,
even then I will be confident.**

Psalm 144.1-2 NIV

¹ Praise be to the Lord my Rock,
who trains my hands for war,
my fingers for battle.

² **He is my loving God and my fortress,
my stronghold and my deliverer,
my shield, in whom I take refuge,
who subdues peoples under me.**



David spoke over the nation of Israel and all of its cities and land from a mindset and heart that God was ALWAYS victorious. We speak over Detroit with a mind and heart like David – victory belongs to God. He is the **VICTORIOUS ONE!** "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Cor 15.57). We frame Detroit in the victory that comes from God!

Psalm 20.1-9 NIV REWORDED for Detroit

¹ May the Lord answer you, Detroit, when you are in distress;
may the name of the God of Jacob protect Detroit.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary
and grant you support from His church in the city.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices
and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give Detroit the desire of its heart
and make all its plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over Detroit's victory
and let Detroit lift up banners in the name of our God.
May the Lord grant all of Detroit's requests.

⁶ Now this I know:

The Lord gives victory to Detroit.

He answers Detroit from his heavenly sanctuary
with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but Detroit trusts in the name of the Lord our God.

⁸ Enemies are brought to their knees and fall,
but Detroit rise up and stand firm.

⁹ Lord, give victory to Detroit!
Answer Detroit when in need!



We declare the sound of victory is over Detroit. Detroit is rising up in the power and victory that comes from God alone. Detroit is taking its place in destiny and will stand with the Lord Almighty!

