

- **Psalm 91:14 ESV** - *“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.*

Week #3 – Yahweh Sabaoth

- **YAHWEH SABAOTH = LORD OF HOSTS**
- This phrase describes Yahweh’s role as the Lord of the heavenly armies, the commander of the cosmic forces, the head of the divine council and the leader of Israel’s army.
- “Lord of Hosts” communicates God’s role as a warrior who fights both in the cosmic conflict against divine forces and through human historical events for His people, Israel.
- The phrase appears 285 times in the Old Testament
- **Psalm 24:7-10 (ESV)** – *7Lift up your heads, O gates And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! 9Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah*
- Glory is translated from the Hebrew word *kābôd* (ka-vōd): *weight, glory, abundance, honor & splendor*
- This is a key theological term in the Bible that features in God’s work of judgment, salvation, and blessing
- **QUOTE:** *The Lord of Hosts brings judgment on his enemies, salvation to the captives and blessings to his children.*
- Most ancient religions had gods that came into power by defeating other gods.
- **Exodus 9:15-16 NLT** - *By now I could have lifted my hand and struck you and your people with a plague to wipe you off the face of the earth. 16 But I have spared you for a purpose—to show you my power and to spread my fame throughout the earth.*
- Each one of the 10 plagues was God's answer to one of their idols/false gods. **Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)** - *9Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in*

heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

- **QUOTE:** *You cannot name anything in prayer that is greater than the name of Jesus. There is nothing you can name that can get the victory over the Lord of Hosts.*
- **NOTE:** Worship and offerings are the best ways to invite the Lord of Hosts to fight for you.
- **1 Samuel 1:5 (NLT)** - *And though he loved Hannah, he would give her only one choice portion because the Lord had given her no children.*
- **QUOTE:** *Just because someone received something you've been praying for, that doesn't necessarily mean they got it through God's blessing.*
- **1 Samuel 1:9-11 (NLT)** - *⁹ Once after a sacrificial meal at Shiloh, Hannah got up and went to pray. Eli the priest was sitting at his customary place beside the entrance of the Tabernacle. ¹⁰ Hannah was in deep anguish, crying bitterly as she prayed to the Lord. ¹¹ And she made this vow: "O Lord of Heaven's Armies, if you will look upon my sorrow and answer my prayer and give me a son, then I will give him back to you. He will be yours for his entire lifetime, and as a sign that he has been dedicated to the Lord, his hair will never be cut."*
- Sometimes there are things we need help fighting through to unblock the blessing.
- Giving an offering to The Lord of Hosts helps us let go of what we should not hold on to.
- **QUOTE:** *Don't become weary in your worship*
- **Galatians 6:9 (KJV)** - *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*
- **1 Samuel 1:19-20 (NLT)** - *¹⁹ The entire family got up early the next morning and went to worship the Lord once more. Then they returned home to Ramah. When Elkanah slept with Hannah, the Lord remembered her plea, ²⁰ and in due time she gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I asked the Lord for him."*

- In some cases, God tells us to “stand still”. In these situations, know that:

1 - The Lord of Hosts will fight FOR you

- **Psalms 46:1-11 (NLT)** - *1 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. 2 So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea. 3 Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! Interlude 4 A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High. 5 God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed. From the very break of day, God will protect it. 6 The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders, and the earth melts! 7 The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress. Interlude 8 Come, see the glorious works of the Lord : See how he brings destruction upon the world. 9 He causes wars to end throughout the earth. He breaks the bow and snaps the spear; he burns the shields with fire. 10 "Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation. I will be honored throughout the world." 11 The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.*
- **QUOTE:** *Some battles are beyond your ability to fight.*
- The Lord of Heaven’s Armies is translated from the Hebrew, YHWH Saba – Sabaoth is the proper noun that comes from this verb Saba.
- *Saba means to ally, combine, and integrate, especially in military matters.*
- In Psalm 46 YHWH is a God of action, He becomes our ally, combines our concerns with His, and integrates us into His victory.
- **QUOTE:** *When God gives us the victory, He expects us to tell the story so that He will be "honored throughout the world".*

2 - The Lord of Hosts will fight WITH of you

- **QUOTE:** *Sometimes God will fight alongside you to teach you how to obtain even larger victories in the future.*
- **1 Samuel 17:34-37 (MSG)** - *34-37 David said, “I’ve been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear*

came and took a lamb from the flock, I'd go after it, knock it down, and rescue the lamb. If it turned on me, I'd grab it by the throat, wring its neck, and kill it. Lion or bear, it made no difference—I killed it. And I'll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of God-Alive. God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine."

- David acknowledges that it is God who has been fighting alongside him in the smaller battles.
- **QUOTE:** *Learn to acknowledge God in the smaller victories so that it will be easier to believe Him when no one believes in you*
- **1 Samuel 17:45-49 (MSG)** - *45-47 David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear and battle-ax. I come at you in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel's troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day God is handing you over to me. I'm about to kill you, cut off your head, and serve up your body and the bodies of your Philistine buddies to the crows and coyotes. The whole earth will know that there's an extraordinary God in Israel. And everyone gathered here will learn that God doesn't save by means of sword or spear. The battle belongs to God—he's handing you to us on a platter!" 48-49 That roused the Philistine, and he started toward David. David took off from the front line, running toward the Philistine. David reached into his pocket for a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead, embedding the stone deeply. The Philistine crashed, facedown in the dirt.*
- **QUOTE:** *If you show up, God will show out!!!*
- **2 Samuel 5:10 (NLT)** – *And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven's Armies was with him.*