

Chuck Smith:

"THE LORD OF HOSTS"

Intro: "God is our refuge and strength." The positive aspects of faith produces peace, courage, confidence. The negative aspects of doubt; produces fear, uncertainty, anxiety. He is my only refuge & strength.

I. "THE LORD OF HOSTS."

A. The Hosts of God.

1. The stars.

a. Genesis 24 "And the heaven and earth were finished and all the 'hosts' of them."

2. Angels.

a. Luke 2:13 "...a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God."

3. Israel the Nation - in Exodus.

B. He is Lord over the Universe.

1. The invisible forces.

2. The visible.

C. Realizing His vastness we suddenly feel insignificant and far removed.

II. "THE GOD OF JACOB."

A. Jacob a mean man.

1. Took advantage of brother's hunger.

2. Deceived father & stole brother's blessing.

3. Outwitted his uncle.

B. Notice wide spectrum.

1. "Lord of Hosts."

2. "God of Jacob."

What it says about God.

III. THE LORD OF HOSTS "IS WITH US."

A. For our help & making He will press these hosts into service for us.

1. Judges 5: "Song of Deborah" "They fought from heaven, the stars in their courses fought against sisera."

2. God extended the day for Joshua - Elisha and Servant

3. He shall give His angels charge over thee.

4. God has already given us the greatest.