

HOURLY OF POWER OF 13.04.2008

GOOD MORNING/OPENING SENTENCE/INVOCATION

RAS: Good morning and welcome to the Crystal Cathedral. It is a beautiful day to feel the presence of the Holy Spirit of God here in this place because we are here because of the Holy Spirit. He brought us here, He sat us where we are, the people who are sitting around us, we didn't control any of that. We might think we have but we didn't. And now that Holy Spirit is flowing through us as we reach out and we share the love of Christ with those around us, so please shake their hands of those who are standing next to you and behind you and say God loves you and so do I.

Well I'm Robert Schuller and there happens to be another Robert Schuller here, who's going to be delivering the message for us this morning. So we're going to continue to worship God now with a moment of prayer. Would you please join me?

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You that we are here today because You wanted us to be here. Your Holy Spirit guided us to the place we are right now. The people we're sitting next to and the people that are sitting around us. And so we are here today, connected together as Your people, as Your church, and we lift our voices and our hearts and our souls and our minds and we give it to You. And so in this time of connection with You, we feel Your spirit, we feel Your love, we feel Your warmth and it feels good. It's peace. And so we thank You Lord and we praise Your name for Your goodness and Your wonder and Your amazement. We love You Lord, Amen.

HYMN - "Medley – Heav'n is Here/Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Heav'n is here as hymns of gladness cheer our daily, tiresome way. Heav'n is here as clouds of sadness now are changed from night to day. Heav'n is here, God's mercy lightens all our heavy loads of care. God is here, the daylight brightens as in deeds of love we share.

Heav'n is here, when we, despairing are uplifted, cheered and blest, while in other's burdens sharing we do find contented rest, where we hear the voice of duty, walk the path our Savior trod. This is heav'n: its peace, its beauty, radiant with the love of God.

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place. And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face. And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly love, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

SCRIPTURE – Sel. Verses from Psalm 19 - RAS

RAS: Please be seated. And so I read the following scriptures from Psalm 19 and I want you to hear these words:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are

trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The love of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinance of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold. They are sweeter than honey, than the honeycomb. In keeping of them, there is great reward. May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

DON NEUEN INTRODUCES ANTHEM

DON: We'd like to sing an anthem by Arrigo Boito, an Italian composer of grand opera. He wrote an enormous anthem of praise to God called "Prologue in Heaven." You'll hear the word Ave several times, simply means hail. Hail to the Lord God Almighty. This chorus of praise is an enormous statement of faith to be composed in this manner. And we hope during our singing that you will not just be entertained by great music, but that you will also join us in literally praising God, praising God and giving thanks to God for the blessings you experience every day, that your family experiences every day, that your friends, that all of us experience, a time in the worship service to really praise God as an entity of the congregation. I'd like to read the words: Hail Lord our God of saints and angels. Hail Lord of planets that wander throughout the universe. And hail oh Lord of soaring cherubim of heavens. From eternal harmonies and world's surrounded by azure spaces unbounded, there shall be hymns of perfect love rise to Thee. From vast and azure regions and from sweet voiced legions, Your praises shall be sung.

ANTHEM - "Prologue in Heaven"

Ave, Ave, Ave, Ave, Ave, Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah! Hail Lord, our God, O Lord of saints and angels, angels and the planets that wander. Lord of the soaring, Lord of the soaring cherubim of the Heavens. Lord of the soaring cherubim of the Heavens.

From the harmonies eternal of worlds surrounded by azure spaces unbounded. There shall be sounded hymns of perfect love, of perfect love; They rise to Thee through vast and azure regions, from sweet voiced legions Ave, Ave!

RAS THANK YOU TO OCHESTRA/DON/CHOIR

RAS: Thank you orchestra, thank you choir, thank you Don.

INTERVIEW – BILL & PAM FARREL

RAS: ROBERT A. SCHULLER BILL: BILL FARREL

PAM: PAM FARREL

RAS: Well my guest today is actually two people, Mr. and Mrs. Farrel, they're known better as Bill and Pam. And they've got some wonderful things to share with us about relationships because married or single, everyone wants to have better relationships. And everyone can benefit from my guests and their wisdom today. They speak all over the world on relationships, including a recent trip to speak for the government of Singapore for the US military, Japan, Korea, Europe and all across the United States. They're the authors of the successful book series, entitled Men are Like Waffles and Women are Like Spaghetti. They're here to share how God can transform our relationships today. Would you please welcome to the Crystal Cathedral, Bill and Pam Farrel. Bill, God loves you and I do, too.

BILL: Thank you, Robert.

PAM: Thanks, its great to be here.

RAS: Pam, God loves you and I do, too.

PAM: Thank you.

BILL: Thanks.

RAS: Waffles and spaghetti? Food! So we've taken something that was out of this world with planets and brought it down to earth. And I kind of like that idea.

PAM: Yes.

BILL: We use food because as guys, we relate to food.

RAS: I can clearly relate to food. You bet. So we have waffles and spaghetti. You chose those two foods, so tell me what about waffles? What is this thing about men are like waffles.

BILL: If you were to diagram the way a typical man processes life, looks like the top of waffle. There's a bunch of boxes and all those boxes are separated from one another by walls, and the way we as men process life is the first issue in box. The first issue in life goes in the first box, second issue goes in the second box, third issue goes in the third box, and so on. And we as men, we spend time in one box at a time, and one box only. So when a man is at work, he is at work.

RAS: Work.

BILL: When a man's out in the yard doing yard work, he is in the yard doing yard work. When a man's watching TV..

PAM: Hey. Hey.

BILL: ..he is watching TV. We do one thing at a time and one thing only.

RAS: And we do it really well.

BILL: Yes.

PAM: Yes.

BILL: And as a result we're problem solvers by nature. We go into a box, we figure out the problem, we assign a solution and then we move on. And if we get to a box and we see what the problem is and we don't know what the solution is, we move on. Because we can't possibly think of a reason to spend time on a problem that we don't have an answer for. And for part of our life, part of your marriage, part of the community, part of the church needs this single focus that men bring to life, but it's hard on relationships because the ladies are not like waffles.

RAS: They're like spaghetti, huh?

PAM: Right, they're like spaghetti.

RAS: So we've got the waffle over here, and you're the spaghetti. Tell us about spaghetti. Why are women like spaghetti?

PAM: If you look.. and you know social scientists have said men compartmentalize and women integrate, so if you look at the way we women process life, it looks like one noodle lying on a plate of spaghetti. If you follow that noodle around that plate of spaghetti, it looks it touches pretty much every other noodle on the plate. And that's the same way we process life is we travel through life, making emotional connections to people and things that matter most to us. And so by nature, we gals are really good at multitasking. I mean we can be on the phone with our girlfriend and her life's all falling apart, and we're watching Hour of Power, we're like oh we should tell her what the pastor saying at the same time we're writing our Christmas card list, and our to-do list and our grocery list as we're telling the kids in sign language to quit fighting cause I'm on the phone, got a load in the washer, a load in the dryer, we're cooking dinner and we can open and shut the oven door with our foot, can't we girls? Yes?

RAS: Wow.

PAM: It's awesome! You know and it's a gift to the family, the church and the community that multitasking thing that God put inside of us.

RAS: So how is a man supposed to understand spaghetti?

PAM: Right, right..

BILL: Well the Bible, in Romans 15:7 says, "Accept one another then, just as Christ accepted us in order to bring praise to God." So the goal is not really to understand one another, it's to accept that these differences are God given, and that these differences will work to enhance your life because the women have what we don't have. So they help fill in the gaps in our life. But understanding, if you ever figure that out, I want to talk to you.

PAM: But appreciate it.

RAS: Because we never understand the woman, we just appreciate them is what you're saying.

BILL: Appreciate her and accept her.

PAM: And there's a hint to dealing with us, too. Like we women..

BILL: Well, the way women are wired is they want to connect all of life together, and so if you're important to her, she wants to connect her life to you. That's why when it's her turn to talk; the first thing you should do is turn off that fix it mechanism that you were born with, because again we're problem solvers. You know your wife, your daughter says hey let's talk, you go okay, about what? And you're going to solve the problem, be the big hero for the day. Well turn all that off, and just pack up your bags and go on a journey with her, and let her take the conversation any where she wants it to go. And if you do, she just falls in love with you all over again.

RAS: Okay. Tell us about men. What are the..

PAM: You can't with guys.

RAS: Yeah.

PAM: The thing that all women should know about men is that some of the squares on that waffle box are absolutely positively blank.

BILL: And we as men, we park in those blank boxes. I'm sure you've seen it before. And every time we drop into that blank box, ladies, you ask the dreaded question.

PAM: So hey, whatcha thinking?

BILL: See and this is hard, because we tried telling you the truth. We said nothing. And then you know what they respond with; well you can't be thinking nothing. You have to be thinking something, so what is it? And I would just like to publicly say on behalf of all the men, every man I know has the ability to think absolutely nothing. Am I right guys?

RAS: Brain dead, yes.

BILL: Yes.

PAM: In a good way.

BILL: And again, when women accept that about us, our appreciation for them goes way up.

PAM: That's how they relieve stress is they like to park in their favorite boxes. And it helps lower their stress level. And you know we were speaking at a university recently and when I said what men find romantic, is a woman who will lower his stress level; I got a standing ovation for that, from the guys in the audience.

RAS: Well how do women lower their stress level then? We have our box that we park in and do nothing. What do women do?

PAM: Well, we like to talk our way through stress. Like if something's wrong in a woman's life, like her girlfriend knows, her mom knows, the clerk at the

grocery store knows, you know. We like to share our stress with the world and it helps us as we talk our way through.

BILL: And the best way I know to illustrate is when stress hits a woman's life, it's like a great big meatball comes flying out of the sky, lands on her plate of spaghetti and sends noodles flying everywhere. So now she has to talk it through and get the noodles back on the plate, but now she has to integrate the meatball. Because it's become part of her life. So she has to figure out why is there, why did God allow it in my life and what am I supposed to do with it? So she needs to talk it through multiple times to figure out why that's there in the middle of all these nice, neat little noodles that used to be together.

RAS: Wow. Man.

BILL: I love that word.

RAS: So this is becoming so now we're into the meatballs, so waffles, spaghetti, meatballs, do men put some food in their boxes then?

BILL: No, because we like to keep it simple.

PAM: Right.

RAS: Oh, oh, okay.

BILL: Yeah, we like to keep it as simple as we can and don't complicate it.

RAS: Just..

BILL: And if a stressful thing like that happens, we create a new box, put the event in the box, assign a solution, put a lid on it, screw it down, we're never going back there again. We're done with it.

RAS: That sounds good to me. Yeah. You know there are undoubtedly single people who are struggling because they want a mate or they've been looking for someone and a partner and then there are couples here who are listening to us who are really struggling because their relationship isn't the way they want, they're thinking about divorce, separation, they're saying what in the world did I get married for in the first place.

PAM: Right.

RAS: And you have a lot of unease in society today because of relationships, lack of and one's they're in and different expectations they have in relationships and the like, what kind of hope do you have for individuals today who are really struggling with their relationships?

BILL: The way to improve all relationships is to raise your skill level. We live in a very fast environment and where you kind of microwave and use technology for everything, and our relationship skills have actually gone down. So if you raise your relationship skills, all your relationships get easier. It's just like driving a car, working a computer, getting a new gadget. At first it seems difficult but as you raise your skill level with that, it becomes easier to work with.

PAM: Like we build our own house and when you build a house, you need more than just a hammer. So what you're wanting to do is get a whole toolbox, a whole garage full of tools.

BILL: And our experience is that everybody is one breakthrough away from a great relationship. If they're hurting in their marriage, one breakthrough can turn everything. A single person, they're one breakthrough away from their next best friend or somebody they're romantically interested in. And so if you raise your skill level it moves you closer to that breakthrough moment where you discover what you've been looking for.

PAM: So it's a great way is to watch Hour of Power every week, you equip people with wonderful skills in relationships.

RAS: Well Bill, thank you. Pam, thank you.

PAM: Thank you.

BILL: It was great to be with you.

PAM: It's a privilege to be here.

RAS: You are wonderful people, we appreciate you very much. And thank you for sharing these wonderful insights about relationships.

BILL: Thank you very much. Our pleasure.

PAM: You're a great waffle, by the way.

RAS: Oh well thank you! Thank you. I appreciate it very much, God bless you.

RAS INTRODUCES SEAN SMITH

RAS: Now right now, I want to introduce you to a gentleman who has a wonderful voice and beautiful music. His name is Sean Smith. Would you please give a real warm welcome to Sean Smith this morning?

SS: Thank you.

RAS: The name of your CD is entitled Real. And you're going to be singing a song from that. What are you singing?

SS: This is a song that God gave me. It's a message that He spoke to me and it's a message that I think He has for each of us. I Thessalonians 5:24, says, "The one who calls you is faithful." And He will do it. So you're not called to live the life that God has created you to live based on your ability. It's not based on whether you're good enough or not good enough, whether you're smart or not smart enough, it's not based on anything like that. It's based on the fact that God is God. And you can trust in that. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it. So we're not called because we are good enough or because we can, but we're called because He can.

RAS: Thank you, Sean. Would you sing that for us please?

SOLO – SEAN SMITH – "Called Because I Can"

Cast away the fear that is your anchor; surrender every pain you bear alone. All you have is all you've ever needed. Trust Me now, and make My glory known. And bring to Me the heart that you have hidden. Bring to Me what you don't understand. And follow as you should you weren't called because you could; you were called because I can.

Get up, My child; take what you've been given. Tell a hurting world how much I care. It's not enough you pray for their tomorrows so go in faith to love and meet them there. And bring to Me the heart that you have hidden. And bring to Me what You don't understand. And follow as You should, you weren't called because you could but you were called because I can.

Because I can speak light in the darkness, because I can provide for those in need, because I can, I can calm the storms within you. I can because I am, so you can bring to me the heart that you have hidden. Bring to me all that you don't understand. Oh and follows as you should, you weren't called because you could no you were called because I can. Yeah. Oh, you were called because I can.

RHS "Thank you"

RHS: Thank you, wonderful.

MESSAGE/PRAYER - ROBERT H. SCHULLER

"Confident Living = Creative Living"

RHS: Good morning. I'm the other Robert Schuller. God never gives up. He tried one, if you can't do it good enough, He bring in another one. The second one doesn't good enough He's going to be sure he has a third chance down the road.

Well thank you for coming today. I have an interesting message for you. I'm beginning with a question: what is the greatest human need in every person in the world today? From birth to death what is the greatest human need? When you're born you need it, when you're dying your last breath if you know it, you're going to need it. In one word, its confidence. The newborn infant has no confidence. Dr. Erik Erikson taught us the newborn infant has no trust, no faith. The suckling of the breast is purely biological. You need confidence. In our failures, we need confidence. How can we make it again? In our success we need it. Need the confidence that we're not going to waste it or be exploited or hurt more than helped.

In business you need it, making these decisions, choosing the marketing. In business and in politics! If you watch television I think you can see it in action these days. Confidence. The democrats need it, the republicans need it, the independents need it, the capitalists need it, the socialists need it. Everybody who is making decisions needs it. Are they right? Are they wrong? Should they wait? Is this the right time?

In relationships and in arrangements we need confidence. The ultimate point of success in relationships is the level to which the two persons are secure or insecure, and hence defensive or creative. We need it in relationships and we need it in agreements. When we decided to buy this ten acres on which this building stands, I simply wrote out a page and a half letter, sent it to the owner, talked about it on the phone. He said that'll do fine. Okay, I read the whole page and a half to him, just sign your name. I did. He said I'll sign it and send it back to you. When I got it back from him, it was about an inch and a half. Covering insecurities, un-predictables. Possibilities that are negative. Are you with me? What do we all need and when do we need it? We need it all the time and what we all need is confidence. You can't make a mistake here. Wow.

I was reading the other day about the Cologne Cathedral. It was built in 1225 or 1280; I think I made a note of it here. It really doesn't matter, it's so close. 1285, the architect completed all of the plans and millennial details. And the fortunate thing is they were all finished before he died, the Cathedral started and it was under construction for about I think 40 years when suddenly construction stopped. And then someone came along and they said let's work on it some more, let's finish it. And they worked on it. And then it went into the silent ages where there was no money then. And the people changed. People wanted it, loved it, respected it and gave their life and their money to it. They're all dead! Everybody sitting in this cathedral this morning, you're going to be gone, every one of us a hundred years from now. Who will sit in these pews? I don't know. How will they maintain the grounds? My goal is to build at least a five hundred billion dollar endowment, controlled by trustees who won't allow mortgages on this place. We have to think, think deep, think long, think wise.

Then they picked it up again and finally it was in 1880, I believe the date is right, in 1880 it was finished! Both spires, the most beautiful pair of spires of any building on planet earth. A world heritage site and I was there with my wife shortly after the war and they had replaced the one steeple with another steeple that didn't match. They've corrected that. But we walked the steps. There are 590 steps from the ground level to the top of the spire.

Now go back two thousand years to a man who had no study in sociology, psychology or philosophy. He was teaching it way back then, his name was St. Paul. He answered the question: what is the single human need? Need it more than anything else in any human being living on planet earth. Philippians 1:6, he wrote these words, "Be confident" wow, what an insight into humanity. "Be confident in this one thing," he said. "That God who began a good work in you" yeah he got it started, he chose a father and a mother, male and a female, husband and a wife. And He chose the mix in that recipe. And it was a little different than any other recipe He'd ever baked in an oven before. And never been another one just like you or me, never will be. "Be confident that God who has begun a good work in you." You didn't ask any more. He didn't seek your approval for the first six months or the first three years, and didn't give you a chance to change it if you didn't like it. "Be confident in this one thing that God who has begun a good work in you will complete it." Will complete it. That means our lives aren't finished. God isn't finished with us yet. No He has something.

Oh and the word confident, let me read it from the dictionary. Number one definition is faith. Trust. To all the secularists who live and advocate living without spiritual viewpoints or religious attitudes, the human being at his deepest level, needs to be the kind of a mental healthy person that has the capacity to experience confidence! Yeah. You need confidence when you're in the wedding chapel. Or the courtroom. You even need confidence when you drive in California, at least. Trust. You're not born with it. Dr. Erik Erikson, one of the greatest lessons I learned in life was the coming of Erik Erikson, who taught us that every human being is born without faith. Without trust. And you're born to face challenges as an individual from infancy until your death and along the way at every stage you better become a confident creature. You look through the glass you see a newborn baby. You're going to be a father. You are a father. Now what do you need? Confidence. Can you handle it? When you go to your child's graduation from high school, cap and gown, you look at them with pride, where's he going? What's he going to do? How's he going to do it? You look up and pray. You need confidence!

The second definition in Webster's dictionary, it's a feeling or a consciousness that you can have power over the circumstances that you find yourself surrounded with. Wow.

Third definition, Webster's definition of confidence: the quality of being assured that you can handle the uncertainties of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Short word for that sentence is you need faith.

Or the last definition, its ease under stress. How much problem do we have with stress today? It's at the top of the scale? Why? We need confidence! I don't care what your profession is; the doctor's need it when they offer their prescriptions. They're dealing with a human being. And a doctor needs it, especially when he enters fully capped and gowned, face covered, gloved into the operating room, major surgery. And the patient waiting needs it. Will it work? Can the doctor make it happen?

You need it in the wedding chapel. Oh you mean it sincerely when you say for better for worse. Can you have the confidence that you can see it through until death do us part. And if things don't work out; you need it in the courtroom. Who do you hire? What advice do they give you? Just read the daily paper or listen to the news, wherever you get it and the bottom line is you can't live without self-confidence. It is essential. What makes a person a person? A doctor needs it, a lawyer surely needs it, those in legislation and those in the judicial departments they sure need it. Confidence. They're making the right decision.

Business needs it. So does the consumer. Why would God Almighty, you want to say if you don't believe, why would a creative or a non creative force somehow cause a human being to be what he is? I have absolute assurance that we are created by a divine power called God because this part of a human being, which is neither flesh or bone or blood or hair, its all personality to his spirit. It's psychi. That part of what makes a person a person apart from all other creatures, that person called human needs confidence. Yeah. Where would that have evolved from? You can't find a creature that this kind of a human personality can just evolve from. We were created different and distinctive. Wow.

Why was a human being born, created to live under the pressure of confidence, challenging positions of life. You need it. Why God created a creature that could not have simply evolved. And I'm not arguing for or against evolution, I'm just taking a scientific analysis of who we are, what kind of creatures we are and why were we created with something that we can't ever escape, not in our failure, we need confidence. Not in our success, we need confidence. In our relationships we need confidence. Why couldn't He have created a creature with a personality and a spirit that didn't need to deal with this challenge all the time, from birth till death? The last thing, confidence, when you take your last breath. Why? Because God created the human being to be a creative creature. Now listen, very important. You cannot be creative unless you have the absolute necessity to develop a self-confidence that can make positive decisions. It's basic psychology. Humans are born to be creative and you cannot be creative if you don't have the kind of a personality that knows how to make decisions when you can't be sure that they're right. But you have to make them. You cannot be creative; creativity comes from a confident heart. And you say well, what if they don't have self-confidence? What then?

J. Wallace Hamilton has a book Where Now is Thy God where he says Christ comes to save us from scattered, aimless living. Without the confidence to make decisions and go for it, you are not a complete human being. You are unfinished. Be confident of this one thing that God who has begun a good work in you will complete it! Oh, wow, this is good news. Some of you need, before you complete your life, you need the ability to be the kind of personality that can be confident. Without it, Dr. Hamilton, you're doomed to scattered aimless living. God puts divine meaning into the small and human tasks. God puts divine meaning into whatever your profession is: the janitor or the preacher. In little and big things you still need the confidence. Is this what I should be doing? Am I doing it right? What changes should I make? Do have some wrong answers? What are they? Where should I change? From I can't do it to I can do it. From pessimism to optimism. Without the capacity to have self-confidence in all of life, living and dying, you'll be living, no not optimistically but pessimistically. And pessimism is a sickness. Pessimism climbs no mountains. Pessimism doesn't build bridges. Pessimism doesn't evoke dreams. Pessimism wins no battles and discouragement sings no songs. We need it.

Well, where do we get it? From the God who made us dependent upon having that kind of a mental attitude. God Almighty. Think of St. Paul, think of it two thousand years ago, no studies in anthropology or sociology or psychology, insightful knowledge into the human being. He said, "Be confident of this one thing, of this one thing." No, he didn't say fame, no because fame is fleeting. Be confident of this one thing. He did not say fortune; fortunes rise and fall.

Now where are you today? A collection of human beings, I wish I knew you all, I don't and billions watching on television from Australia to Hong Kong and Moscow, billions around the world are hearing these words. And not a single

human being that hears these words can argue or debate my point today. You nod your head. The one thing we all need is confidence. Good times and bad times. Tough times and triumphant times. In tough times, you need it to say tough times never last but tough people do. Yeah. Where do you get it? You get it in your faith. Your religion. If you're an atheist or an agnostic, hear me loud and clear. What I say is so un-debate able, every person needs confidence and confidence is a spiritual dimension of life. You don't measure it at the gym. You measure it in your heart and your soul. Yeah. No way can you defend atheism when we look at human beings who are the kind of creatures we are, that only a God could have created this in us. We can't be taught it. We are not born with it. There is no special psychological training; it has to come from a spiritual communion with the Almighty. You need the faith. Yeah, you need the confidence.

Accept Jesus as your Savior. Simple. And then live it. And you'll be challenged, yes, challenged to be a Christ follower all your life. Hallelujah. Amen.

God we thank You, thank You that we're given a thing called faith and we are given the capacity to experience confidence and avoid aimless directionless, uncertainty in living, a fractured living. God, You will complete it, each person here. You've created us different and You promised You will finish the job so You're not finished with anybody here. Go to work on us. Thank You, Amen.

ANTHEM - "Refuge and Strength"

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear, we will not fear.

Though the earth should change, though the earth should crumble into the sea, let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear, we will not fear.

There is a river whose streams make glad the City of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city. It shall not be moved. God will help when the morning dawns. The nations are in an uproar. The kingdoms of men have fallen. God thunders, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our fortress.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear. Therefore we will not fear. God is our refuge and strength! God is our refuge and our strength!

BENEDICTION - RHS

RHS: So now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. And may God give you His peace in your going out and in your coming in, in your lying down and in your rising up, in your labor and in your leisure, in your laughter and in your tears until you come to stand before Jesus in that day in which there is no sunset and no dawning, Amen.