

Psalm 124

A song of ascents. Of David.

1	If it had not been for the LORD who was on our side . ¹⁻² — let Israel say—	A TESTIMONY (priest)	a If not the LORD <i>on our side</i> let Israel say
2	If it had not been for the LORD who was on our side when people attacked us,	(self)	a If not the LORD <i>on our side</i> when people attacked
3	then they would have swallowed us alive when their anger flared against us. ³	A TRAP (fire)	b then ...swallowed us when men's fiery anger
4	Then the waters. ⁴ would have engulfed us, the torrent <i>would have swept over us</i> ,	(flood)	b then waters ...engulfed us torrent ...swept over us
5	then they <i>would have swept over us</i> — those raging waters... ⁵		then ...swept over us waters
6	Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.	B PRAISE	a <i>the LORD</i> b helped us swallowed us
7	We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare. The snare. ⁷ has been broken, and we have escaped.	B PRAISE	c <i>escaped</i> d <i>snare</i> d <i>snare</i> c <i>escaped</i>
8	Our help is in the name of the LORD , the Maker of heaven and earth.		b <i>our help</i> a <i>the Maker</i>

KEY: STEP PARALLELISM KEY REPETITION

Our Maker is Our Helper and Deliverer (Ps 124)

A. The Cause of Our Terror and Panic

1. The destructive anger (“fire” 124:3; cf [Is 51:12-13](#))
2. The drowning anticipated (“flood” 124:4-5)
3. The deadly attack (the predator’s “teeth” 124:2c, 6b)
4. The deceptive ambush (the “snare” for the prey 124:7)

How does it feel when we are faced with a deadly threat?

B. The Cause for Our Testimony and Praise (cf [1 Pet 1:3-9](#))

1. The LORD is on our side (124:1-2)
2. The LORD our Maker is our helper (“his name” 124:8; ct “people” 2c; cf [121:2](#); [1 Pet 4:19](#))
3. The LORD controls our destiny (“If it had not been...who has not let us be torn” 124:1-2, 6)
1. The LORD effects our deliverance (“the snare has been broken” 124:7; cf [1 Cor 10:13](#))

What do we learn about God when we go through a crisis?

SUGGESTED SONGS: [Had It Not Been The Lord, Ps 124 \(Esther Mui\)](#), [Psalm 124 Project](#)

¹⁻² NIV *If the LORD had not been on our side*

³ NIV when their anger flared against us, / they would have swallowed us alive; (Heb. *then they would have swallowed...*)

⁴ NIV *the flood* (Heb. *Then the waters...*)

⁵ NIV *the raging waters would have swept us away*. (Heb. *then they would have swept over us—those raging waters.*)

⁷ New sentence recognizing the chiasmus (NIV snare; / the snare)

詩篇第 124 篇 (和合本/聖經新譯本/當代譯本)

大衛上行之詩。		(原文次序)
1 「若不是耶和華幫助(?)我們 1-2...」	A 見證	a 若不是耶和華幫助我們
以色列人要「這樣」說: ~ 1,3,5	(祭司提示)	以色列
2 「若不是耶和華幫助(?)我們,	(自然述事)	a 若不是耶和華幫助我們
當人起來攻擊我們的時候,		人攻擊的時候
3 向我們發怒的時候, ~	A 網羅	b ...就吞了我們
他們就(יִרְא)把我們活活地吞了。	(烈火)	人發怒的時候
4 洪水就(יִרְא)必漫過我們,		b 洪水 ...就必漫過我們
急流必淹沒我們,	(洪水)	急流 ...必淹沒我們
5 狂傲的洪水~就(יִרְא)必淹沒我們。」		...就必淹沒我們
		洪水
6 耶和華是應當稱頌的!	B 讚美	a 耶和華
祂沒有把我們當野食交給他們吞吃 ⁶ 。		b 我們得幫助 吞了我們
7 我們好像雀鳥逃脫		c 逃脫
捕鳥人的網羅,	B 讚美	d 網羅
網羅破裂,		d 網羅
我們逃脫了。		c 逃脫
8 我們得幫助(יְהוָה),是在乎倚靠耶和華的名,		b 我們得幫助
祂是造天地的「主」。		a 造天地的主

說明: 上下級併列 關鍵詞重複

創造我們的耶和華是我們的幫助和拯救 (詩篇第 124 篇)

A. 我們恐懼和警慌的原因

1. 受憤怒的毀亡 (“烈火” 124:3; 參看 [賽 51:12-13](#))
2. 肯定必被淹沒 (“洪水” 124:4-5)
3. 致命性的攻擊 (捕食者的 “牙齒” 124:2 下, 6 下)
4. 欺騙性的伏擊 (為獵物設下的 “網羅” 124:7)

當我們面臨致命威脅時, 感覺如何?

B. 我們見證和讚美的原因 (參看 [彼前 1:3-9](#))

1. 耶和華是我們的保障 (124:1-2)
2. 創造主是我們的幫助 (“耶和華的名” 124:8; 與 124:2 下 “人” 對比; 參看 [121:2](#); [彼前 4:19](#))
3. 耶和華掌管我的明天 (“若不是...不讓我們被吞吃” 124:1-2, 6)
2. 耶和華是我們的拯救 (“網羅破裂了” 124:7; 參看 [林前 10:13](#))

當我們經歷危機時, 我們對神有什麼認識?

配歌: [祂是你的幫助](#), [耶穌是我的幫助](#), [任何環境不要懼怕](#), [我知誰掌管明天](#)

1-2 原文作: 為了我們

1,3,5 波形符~標記翻譯字句的順序與原文有大分別。

6 原文作: 他們的牙齒