

# The Believer's Faith and Hope Encouraged

by Ralph Erskine

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*Believers can trust in Jesus Christ as their strength and helper in times of trouble and uncertainty.*

**Scripture:** Psalm 23:4, Psalm 91:4, Isaiah 41:10, Isaiah 54:5, 2 Corinthians 12:9

**Topics:** "Faith And Hope", "Gods Protection"

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## Description

Ralph Erskine delivers a powerful sermon on the unwavering support and protection believers receive from God, likening Him to a faithful husband who always comes to their aid in times of trouble and distress. Despite facing accusations, threats, trials, and despair, God, as the loving husband, remains a constant source of light, guidance, and strength. Erskine emphasizes the importance of trusting in God's power, even in the midst of seemingly hopeless situations, as He is always near to help and deliver His people.

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## Transcript

The cunning serpent may accuse,  
But never shall succeed ;  
The God of peace will Satan bruise,  
Thy husband broke his head.  
Hell-furies threaten to devour,  
Like lions robb'd of whelps:  
But lo! in ev'ry perilous hour,  
Thy husband always helps.  
That feeble faith may never fail,  
Thine advocate has pray'd ;  
Though winnowing tempests may assail,  
Thy husband's near to aid.

Though greivous trials grow apace,  
And put thee to a stand ;  
Thou may'st rejoice in ev'ry case,  
Thy husband's help at hand.  
Trust, though, when in desertion dark,  
No twinkling star by night,  
No ray appear, no glimm'ring spark;  
Thy husband is thy light.  
His beams anon the clouds can rent,  
And through the vapours run  
For of the brightest firmament  
Thy husband is the sun.  
Without the sun [the] mourning go,  
And scarce the way can find,  
He brings, through paths they do not know;  
Thy husband leads the blind.  
Though fire and water he with skill  
Brings to a wealthy land;  
Rude flames and roaring waves be still,  
Thy husband can command.  
When sin's disorders heavy brings,  
That press thy soul with weight;  
Then mind how many crooked things  
Thy husband has made straight.  
Still look to him with longing eyes,  
Though both thine eyes should fail;  
Cry, and at length, though not thy cries,

Thy husband shall prevail.  
Still hope for favour at his hand,  
Though favour don't appear:  
When help seems most aloof to stand  
Thy husband's then most near.  
In cases hopeless-like, faint hopes  
May fail and fears annoy;  
But most when stript of earthly props,  
Thy husband thou'lt enjoy.  
If providence the promise thwart,  
And yet thy humbled mind  
'Gainst hope believes in hope,'  
thou art Thy husband's dearest friend.  
Art thou a weakling, poor and faint,  
In jeopardy each hour?  
Let not thy weakness move thy plaint,  
Thy husband has the pow'r.  
Dread not thy foes that foil'd thee long,  
Will ruin thee at length:  
When thou art weak then art thou strong,  
Thy husband is thy strength.  
When foes are mighty, many too,  
Don't fear, nor quit the field;  
'Tis not with thee they have to do,  
Thy husband is thy shield.  
'Tis hard to strive against an host,  
Or strive against the stream:

But, lo! when all seems to be lost,

Thy husband will redeem.

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