

# Scripture

## Psalm 48 (NLT)

**A song. A psalm of the descendants of Korah.**

- 1 How great is the Lord,  
how deserving of praise,  
in the city of our God,  
which sits on his holy mountain!**
- 2 It is high and magnificent;  
the whole earth rejoices to see it!  
Mount Zion, the holy mountain,  
is the city of the great King!**

- 3 God himself is in Jerusalem's towers,  
revealing himself as its defender.
- 4 The kings of the earth joined forces  
and advanced against the city.
- 5 But when they saw it, they were stunned;  
they were terrified and ran away.
- 6 They were gripped with terror and  
writhed in pain like a woman in labor.
- 7 You destroyed them like the mighty ships  
of Tarshish shattered by a powerful  
east wind.

8 We had heard of the city's glory,  
but now we have seen it ourselves—  
the city of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.  
It is the city of our God;  
he will make it safe forever. *Interlude*

9 O God, we meditate on your unfailing love  
as we worship in your Temple.

10 As your name deserves, O God,  
you will be praised to the ends of the  
earth.

Your strong right hand is filled  
with victory.

11 Let the people on Mount Zion rejoice.  
Let all the towns of Judah be glad  
because of your justice.

12 Go, inspect the city of Jerusalem.  
Walk around and count the many towers.

13 Take note of the fortified walls,  
and tour all the citadels,  
that you may describe them  
to future generations.

14 For that is what God is like.  
He is our God forever and ever,  
and he will guide us until we die.