

God has no rivals... enemies, yes, but no rivals. There is no entity in heaven or on earth or under the earth that is His equal. God is very firmly and securely on His throne. His is not pacing or panicked. He knows the end from the beginning. And, yet scripture records times when He gets up... but why? The only time in scripture God gets up is when He comes to the aid of His people. He doesn't need to, He could merely speak the word on your behalf and it would be done. Yet, consistent with His nature, He comes to our aid Himself. May this collection remind you that He is for you, and your enemies don't stand a chance when He comes to your aid.

Psalm 12:5 (NLT) - The LORD replies, "I have seen violence done to the helpless, and I have heard the groans of the poor. Now I will rise up to rescue them, as they have longed for me to do."

Isaiah 28:21a (ESV) - For the LORD will rise up as on Mount Perazim; as in the Valley of Gibeon he will be roused;

Psalm 18 (ESV) (*All of this Psalm is an example of how He gets up to come to our aid*) - ⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. ⁷Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry...¹⁶He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters. ¹⁷He rescued me from my strong enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me...

Luke 15 – The story of the Prodigal. This is a story Jesus told to illustrate the Father's grace and mercy. In this story, we are the two brothers (sometimes we behave like the younger, other times like the older). The real focal point of this story is the love and grace and forgiveness of the father... and He gets up and runs to the wayward son returning.

Proverbs 22:22-23 (AMP) – Let God arise, and His enemies be scattered; Let those who hate Him flee before Him.

Psalm 68:1 (NLT) – Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies. Let those who hate God run for their lives. (*In other words, if He flinches in your direction, those who hate Him and therefore mess with you run for their lives.*)

Psalm 74:22 (NLT) – Arise, O God, and defend your cause. Remember how these fools insult you all day long.

Habakkuk 3:12-13 (NLT) – You marched across the land in anger and trampled the nations in your fury. ¹³You went out to rescue your chosen people, to save your anointed ones. You crushed the heads of the wicked and stripped their bones from head to toe.

Psalm 10:12 (NLT) – Arise, O LORD! Punish the wicked, O God! Do not ignore the helpless!

Psalm 3:7 (ESV) – Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.

Psalm 7:6 - Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.

Psalm 17:13 (ESV) - Arise, O LORD! Confront him, subdue him! Deliver my soul from the wicked by your sword