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“A Mighty Fortress” (Assignment #2)

Directions: Read this famous hymn by Martin Luther and write what you believe to be the subject (what the hymn is *about*) and complement (what the hymn *says* about this subject) below. The subject should be an *incomplete*, short statement of at least three words that describes the central thrust of a biblical passage but is a sentence fragment without its complement. The complement may be an *incomplete* or *full* sentence that completes or answers the question posed by the subject. Do *not* use the words “mighty” or “fortress” in either statement and avoid using the same phrases that appear in the text. Follow the helpful guidelines in Ramesh Richard’s chapter 3 to do this assignment.

Theme (Subject):

Thrust (Complement):

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow’r are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God’s own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever.