

**Ebenezer* (Heb: 'stone of help') –
a public memorial to the help of
the Lord in *1 Samuel 7. 12*

A SOVEREIGN protector I have
Unseen, yet for ever at hand,
Unchangeably faithful to save,
Almighty to rule and command.
He smiles, and my comforts abound;
His grace as the dew shall descend,
And walls of salvation surround
The soul he delights to defend.

2 Kind author and ground of my hope,
Thee, Thee for my God I avow;
My glad Ebenezer* set up,
And own Thou hast helped me till now.
I muse on the years that are past,
Wherein my defence Thou hast proved;
Nor wilt Thou relinquish at last
A sinner so faithfully loved.

3 Inspirer and hearer of prayer,
Thou Shepherd and Guardian of Thine,
My all to Thy covenant care
I sleeping and waking resign.
If Thou art my Shield and my Sun,
The night is no darkness to me;
And, fast as my moments roll on,
They bring me but nearer to Thee.

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