

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

REFORMATION

(also known as Had God not Come, May Israel Say or Were God Not With Us At This Time)

Words: Martin Luther, 1524. Translation composite.

Music: 'Wär Gott nicht mit uns diese Zeit (1524)' from Walter's Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524.

Setting: Michael Praetorius, 1610.

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♩ = 120

1. If God had not been on our side And had not come to aid us,
 2. Their fur - ious wrath, did God per - mit, Would sure - ly have con - sumed us
 3. Blest be the Lord, who foiled their threat That they could not de - vour us;

The foes with all their pow'r and pride Would sure - ly have dis - mayed us;
 And as a deep and yawn - ing pit With life and limb en - tombed us.
 Our souls, like birds, es - caped their net, They could not ov - er - pow'r us.

For we, His flock, would have to fear The threat of men both
 Like men o'er whom dark wa - ters roll Their wrath would have en -
 The snare is bro - ken we are free! Our help is ev - er,

far and near Who rise in might a - gainst us.
 gulfed our soul And, like a flood, o'er - whelmed us.
 Lord, in Thee, Who mad - est earth and hea - - - ven.