



A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

Psalm 46

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Poetry causes us to respond in ways that are more than just words on a page, but poetry awakens our emotions, stimulates imagination, and heightens a person's interest. Psalm 46 holds one of the most quoted bible verses of western Christian thought in verse 10 which says "Be still and know that I am God...". This psalm also inspired Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." This psalm became so important to the Reformation that when Protestants were forced into exile or martyrs went to their death, they would often be heard singing this hymn. It was even referred to as "The Battle Hymn of the Reformation."

Psalm 46:1-11

To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, **3** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah **4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. **5** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. **6** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. **7** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah **8** Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. **10** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" **11** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah"

1. God 's Personal PRESENCE Brings His POWER and PROTECTION for Us. (v 1-7)

- God is the SOURCE of their STRENGTH when everything around them seems to be crumbling.
- God WILL DO for His people what they CANNOT DO for themselves.
- God SECURES and PROVIDES for His people.

2. God's Presence of His LORDSHIP is UNIVERSAL. (v 8-11)

- The WICKED realizes their DOOM is sealed.
- The RIGHTEOUS builds their CONFIDENCE in God alone.

"Our sense of security in Him will only be as strong as our knowledge of who He is and what he is able to do." **Ross, Allen P., A Commentary on The Psalms**

*"so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* **Philippians 2:10-11**

- The Response: TRUST in the Lord as a REFUGE and a mighty FORTRESS.

God is able to give peace to the troubled heart and will bring an end to all war and devastation, which demonstrates His glorious sovereignty among all the nations, over all the earth. It calls for worship and submission to Christ's Lordship.

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.***

Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.