

Psalm 46

⁰ For the director of music. Of the Sons of Korah.
According to alamoith. A song.

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains
quake with their surging. *Selah*

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of
God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.

⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ He says, "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 Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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¹ Isaiah 2:4; 9:5

² In 722 B.C. the Assyrian army had destroyed Israel to the north and its capital Samaria. Then Assyria went ahead and captured numerous other fortified Judean cities to the south (**2 Kings 18:13**). The occasion for **Ps. 46** is probably the ensuing (701 B.C.) attempted attack on Jerusalem, the capital of Judah, when God stepped in and defensively and dramatically protected Jerusalem from Assyrian aggression and invasion (**2 Kings 19:35**).

God is our Refuge

Psalm 46:8-11



Part Three

- The longing for world peace ¹

Come and See: The End of All Wars (vv. 8-9)

The Lord will defeat all his enemies

- Defeated in Israel's history ²
- Defeated at Jesus' first coming ³
- Defeated at Jesus' return ⁴

Be Still and Know: The Call to God's Enemies (v. 10)

The Lord will win and be exalted

- Stop and surrender ⁵

Be Boldly Confident: The Assurance of God's People (v.11)

The Lord is Able and Willing

- God is on our side and victory is secure ⁶

³ Luke 10:17-19; John 12:31

⁴ **1 Corinthians 15:24-27; Revelation 19:11-16; 20:10; 21-22; Isaiah 9:6-7**

⁵ "Be still" in v.10 means to stop with a connotation of surrender (e.g., "Enough!" [NIV] or "Stop" [ESV/NLT] in **1 Samuel 15:16**). Only Jesus is the unstoppable Ruler (**Psalm 57:11; Matthew 28:18; Acts 5:31; Philippians 2:9-11**).

⁶ **Romans 8:31**