

GOD - OUR ONLY SECURITY ~ Psalm 46:1-11

➔Scripture Reading Psalm 46:1-3 & 46:8-11

WE WILL NOT FEAR - OUR GOD IS NEAR ~ Psalm 46:1-3

[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*

APPLICATION

Psalm 46:1 (HCS) God IS our REFUGE and STRENGTH, a HELPER who is **always found** in times of trouble.

➔God will **SEEM** so far away when we focus on our **FEAR** Rather than on God

2 Kings 19:14 (NIV) Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the LORD and **spread it out before the LORD**.

GOD ALMIGHTY IS WITH US ~ Psalm 46:4-7

[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*

Psalm 46:7 (NLT) **The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us; the God of Israel IS OUR FORTRESS.**

APPLICATION

2 Kings 19:15-19 (NLT) And Hezekiah prayed this prayer before the LORD: "O LORD, God of Israel, you are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! **You alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth.** [16] Bend down, O LORD, and listen! Open your eyes, O LORD, and see! **Listen to Sennacherib's words of defiance against the living God.** [17] It is true, LORD, that the kings of Assyria have destroyed all these nations. [18] And they have thrown the gods of these nations into the fire and burned them. But of course the Assyrians could destroy them! They were not gods at all - only idols of wood and stone shaped by human hands. [19] **Now, O LORD our God, rescue us from his power; THEN all the kingdoms of the earth will know that you alone, O LORD, are God.**

HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER - O LORD GOD...

- You are SOVEREIGN over ALL vs. 15
- You are the CREATOR of ALL vs. 15
- LISTEN to his Defiance against You vs. 16
- RESCUE us from his power vs. 19
- SHOW the Nations YOU ALONE are God vs. 19

COME, SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE ~ Psalm 46:8-11

[8] Come and see the works of the LORD, 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] "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*

2 Kings 19:34-35 (NIV) I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant." [35] That night the angel of the LORD went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning - there were all the dead bodies!

Psalm 46:10 (NET) **Stop your striving and RECOGNIZE that I am God!** I will be exalted over the nations! I will be exalted over the earth!

APPLICATION

BE STILL, take your hands off, quit struggling. God Knows what He is doing, His Timing is Perfect, Trust Him. *Wiersbe*

PSALM 46:10

- Be STILL - Stop TRYING to make life work without God
- KNOW I AM God - Lay it ALL OUT before God
- I will be EXALTED - Seek to EXALT God

TAKE AWAY ??

➔The Safest place to be is IN God's PRESENCE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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.

And though this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru 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 Thru 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.