

## Psalm 46

### Confidence in a World of Chaos

*Fear God ...*

#### I. Our Help

- A. Statement of Fact
- B. Declaration of Faith

#### II. Above the Chaos

- A. Earthly Turbulence
- B. A Heavenly City A Glorious Theme
  - 1. God is There
  - 2. It is Holy
  - 3. Unshakeable
  - 4. Well Watered
  - 5. He is Her Help

#### III. The Lord of Hosts

- A. Observe His Work and
- B. Be Still
  - 1. People of God
  - 2. Nations
- C. Be Assured
  - 1. He Will Be Exalted
  - 2. He is With Us

*... and be fearless*

#### **Children, Listen ...**

1. Do you have confidence that God is always with you and protecting you?
2. The world can be a very crazy place at times. How can God's people still have peace in times of trouble?
3. How would you describe the City of God in the Psalm in your own words?
4. v. 10 tells us to "be still and know what?"
5. How does knowing Jesus is King on the throne of Heaven help you?

## The Lasting City

God's glorious heavenly city is one of the great themes of Scripture. It is depicted as the place where He dwells in majesty and where his saints reside in peace spiritually this side of eternity – with the expectation of entering full residence on the other. When we scan the earth and see "natural" disasters, read headlines about nations in turmoil, hear reports of havoc in our cities, and even when we face personal calamity, we do not have to fear if we belong to the Lord. No matter what, our God reigns, and he is our constant help. When we lose perspective and feel overwhelmed by the state of affairs of a tumultuous fallen creation we can turn our eyes to the Lord of hosts and know for sure that He, our God, is always with us. Our faithful forefathers had eyes that looked beyond their sometimes troublesome journey and the troubles of this passing age and they persevered. They could not yet see Jesus and the fulfillment of all the promises of God but from afar. But we see King Jesus high and lifted up, the Lord of Hosts, reigning and ruling over his redeemed citizens and in Him we have received all the promises of our great God. And therefore we who fear God, like those who have gone before us, can go forward fearlessly on our journey of life in the face of whatever may come to pass with an even greater assurance and fuller confidence.

Hebrews 13:14-15

Here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.