

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

Psalm 46

**We can have peace because of the presence
and protection of our mighty God**

I. GOD THE PEACE-GIVER (1-3) > A very present help in trouble

A. GOD PROPS (1a)

- God is the one who bears us up when we are under loads of potential perils

B. GOD'S PRESENCE (1b)

1. Not a distant or absent deity - readily available

2. He is there at the right time

- He is there when we are in trouble (some will desert us then)

C. GOD'S PEACE (2-3)

1. The Statement: "Therefore we will not fear"

2. The Stress (2b-3)

- Even though radical changes take place in the earth or the earth spins out of its orbit!

II. GOD THE PEACE-KEEPER (4-7) > His city will not be moved (5b)

A. God REFRESHES His people (4a)

1. A city that had a protected source of water could endure long enemy sieges

2. This reality made the people glad - Ps. 36:7-8

B. God RESIDES with His people (4b-5a)

1. God lives there (4b)

2. God stays there (5a)

C. God REINFORCES His People (5b)

1. No withering - She shall not be moved (or shaken)

2. No waiting - God shall help her when the morning dawns > Right away

D. God RESCUES His People (6)

1. The world's confusion > In an uproar, tottering and unstable

2. God's conquest

a. Simply raising His voice

b. Melting the earth > It melts like wax before Him

- E. God REASSURES His People (7)
1. God is present: With us
 2. God is protecting: Our stronghold
 3. God is pacifying > Selah!

III. **GOD THE PEACE-MAKER** (8-11) > He makes wars cease (9a)

- A. The INVITATION (8)
1. Come and see what God has done
 2. Come and see “how He brought desolations on the earth” (ESV)
- B. The INFORMATION (9)
1. He makes wars cease - Micah 4:3
 2. He makes war impossible - Ez. 39:9
- C. The INSTRUCTION (10a) > “Cease striving (be still) and know that I am God
1. Let the enemies be stilled by these threats
 - Don’t mess with God
 2. Let believers be still > Relax, let go ...
- D. The INTENTION (10b) > “I will be exalted”
1. The one who accomplishes world peace will be exalted
 2. God intends to be magnified everywhere > every knee will bow - Phil. 2:9-11
- E. The INSPIRATION (11)
- God is present and protecting!

CONCLUSION:

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD !

- He is present
- He is protecting
- He gives peace

Romans 8:31-39

- Who can be against us? (31)
- We are more than conquerors (37)
- What can separate us from the love of God? (38-39)