



"OUR VERY PRESENT GOD"

Psalm 46:1-11

June 7th, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. God is our very present help in times of trouble. When in life, if ever, have you been most aware of your need for God's help?

QUICK REVIEW

Psalm 46 "is a hymn celebrating Zion as the special city, to which God has pledged himself and through which He will bless the world (ESV Study Bible)." This Psalm takes us to three spheres of experience. God is close by to strengthen us during these times.

Read Psalm 46

When is God present?

1. God is with us with the _____ (1-3).
2. God is with us when the _____ (4-7).
3. God is with us when the _____ (8-11).

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Verses 1-3 depict the foundations of this world shaking. God is sufficient for us even during cataclysmic times, literally and figuratively. What are some of the foundational elements of this life? Have you ever experienced the crashing and loss of these things? How did God help you?
2. Verse 3 speaks of troubled ocean waters. Then, verse 4 speaks of a revitalizing river of life and gladness. Read John 7:37-39 and Revelation 22:1-2. What is the river this Psalm speaks of?
3. Continuing the stream of thought in question 2, when have you experienced the upwelling of God's presence and power?
4. Verses 8-10 assure us of God's final victory over the sin and rebellion that surges throughout the earth. At that time, God will have the victory and bring pervasive shalom and peace. In the meantime, how can we heed the call of verse 10, to be still? To have a steadied, quieted heart? Is this something you can do yourself?
5. We are citizens of God's city in the midst of a fallen world. The effects of sin are all around us. How will you go about inviting others into this city we are a part of? How can they enter in? (See John 10:7-18 which gives the answer using another metaphor.)