

Psalm 46

Jesus Christ gives God's children peace

¹ Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and He is Israel's Messiah¹. He is a fortress in which we can hide for protection, and He is the strong One from whom we get our strength when trials and difficulties come our way. ² Since He is all we will ever need, we who have received Jesus Christ as Savior by faith alone have no need to fear what may come our way. It doesn't matter whether the whole world seems to be falling apart, whether a massive earthquake causes the mountains to fall into the sea, ³ whether a category five hurricane generates super high tides with huge breakers smashing onto shore, or whether mountains erupt into massive volcanos spewing hot lava everywhere. Yes, trials and difficulties may come into the life of a believer, but the LORD is by his side every step of the way.

Now, stop and meditate upon the truths I just shared with you until you fully understand the LORD's readiness to help us.

Jesus Christ is all we need

⁴ Why can every child of God have such peace in the midst of severe adversity? Because the Holy Spirit is a river that channels God's joy and blessing right into the heart of the church of the living God and into the hearts of believers. This is where Jesus Christ, the God who is above all, sent His Holy Spirit. ⁵ Yes, the LORD Jesus is in close communion with those of His children who are seeking to live godly, and with His love and support there is no difficulty or trial so severe that it will shake the faith of His children. The LORD will always be there to help and support His children through a rough night and then give renewed strength and encouragement as the morning dawns. ⁶ Some nations hated God and expressed violent anger² toward both Him and His children, but the LORD caused those nations to disintegrate when He raised His voice and decreed their demise. They melted away like an ice cube on a hot sidewalk. ⁷ Jesus Christ is the commander of God's army, and He is our place of security and protection just like He was for the Jews of long ago. Since He is with us, there is absolutely no reason for us to fear all of these things since He has everything under control.

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⁸ Come with me, and understand the greatness of His works. He has caused absolute horror to fill the hearts of the people of the nations He has judged and violently destroyed, and He has done this all over the world. ⁹ At certain times He has caused wars to cease worldwide. He did this by rendering all weapons of war useless and ineffective, and burned up all the mobile weapons of war.

Quit striving and trust Christ to do His work

¹⁰ Listen to Christ's own words, "In light of all that I can and will do, quit wasting your energies trying to change the world for good through your own strength. Instead, be convinced in your own mind that I am the One and only great and powerful God. Be assured that in time, I will be lifted up and praised among the nations, and in time, I will be lifted up and praised throughout the whole world. The Father will make all of this happen at exactly the right time. ¹¹ I say again that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is commander of the LORD's army, and He is with us here and now. He is the God Who did all of those awesome and powerful miracles for the

children of Israel because He was their fortress in which they could hide for protection from danger. Praise God! He is the same for us today.

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¹ Since Christ said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," the name "Jesus Christ, the Messiah" has been used.

² Definition of "Rage" www.dictionary.com/browse/rage

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