

The Eternal Church of God; Psalms 046

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, A Song upon Alamoth.

Ps 46:1 ¶ "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah."

Israel could say with confidence that **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** because they have witnessed His rescue of them many times. Prophetically, we see the New Testament church, which can say **"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble,"** for she has witnessed God's delivering power many times, and she is still witnessing this power being manifested today.

These verses speak to us of the full confidence we should have in the finished work of Jesus Christ. When it seems that the earth is being destroyed by the raging of the antichrist, and masses of people turning away from God; we, God's chosen and saved people, can fully trust in the delivering power of God to be manifest in our lives. After all, We have been born-again and given eternal life in Christ. Since we have Christ in us, we can believe; though all around us be the greatest turmoils and upheavals in life, nothing can shake or move this sure foundation stone, of eternal life in Jesus Christ gifted to us.

4 "There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early."

The city of God is Jerusalem and there was the river Siloam near her that was her sustenance. Jerusalem is a picture of the New Testament Church, and the river is the stream of living water flowing from the throne of God. It is the river of God's grace. It is the river of God's mercy. It is the river of the rich royal blood of Christ that washes God's people from their sins, and renews their hope, as they drink from this fountain of living waters. It is the river of God's unconditional promises to his people. **"the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High."** Wherever, a body of believers is organized upon the earth, there is a temple of God established, and there is a river of living waters flowing through it for the benefit of God's people, and to glorify the name of our God.

"God shall help her, and that right early." Since the beginning of time, God has made provision for his people and their salvation. There has been asked the question in: ***Lu 18:8 "Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"*** The answer is yes. Why? Because Christ is coming a second time. Since Christ will return to gather His people, the kingdom of God on earth, there will be faith on earth, and Jesus will gather to himself all of God's people, who shall inhabit the eternal church in the eternal heaven.

Prophetically, we are told of this river in the eternal setting in: ***Re 22:1-5; 1 ¶ "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: 4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. 5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."*** Thus, we see the eternal church and **"God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:"**

6 ¶ "The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire."

Throughout time, the ungodly have raged and roared. They have fought to have world control and power. Many kingdoms have risen to power and fallen into desolation. God chose a nation of people to bear his name on earth, and when he uttered his voice to bring about their salvation from captivity, Egypt was melted before him. God was with his people Israel, and he was their refuge and strength.

God's miraculous salvation of Israel caused the nations round about to fear and tremble before Israel. God brought Israel to the land of promise, and eventually gave them total peace from all their enemies in the time of King David. God's word of power went forth and destroyed the enemies of Israel before them.

We can testify today; God has chosen a nation of people to occupy the spiritual land of promise, the New Testament Church. Jesus, by the power of his voice, has declared upon the cross "it is finished" and thereby has delivered the kingdom of God from their satanic bondage of sin. Jesus has established the New Testament Church for them to inhabit. It is our land of promise. Jesus has given us rest from all our enemies on every side, by giving us the peace that passes all understanding. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, has broken the weapons of the antichrist and given us eternal security. Prophetically, God will deliver the church to the eternal land of promise in the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem, which Jesus has gone to prepare for us. There we will have eternal rest from the antichrist powers and influences.

10 "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah."

Just as Israel watched God bring their deliverance from Egypt to pass without their assistance; the New Testament Church is watching Christ deliver his people from the antichrist today without their assistance. This is manifested each time a child of God is born again, which tells us **"Be still, and know that I am God:"**

Each time a child of God is born-again; the name of God is exalted among the heathen and upon the earth, and another is brought to the knowledge **"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."** What part do we have in the promise of God to Jacob? We are a portion of the promised seed, through Christ, who was the promised seed. We are reminded to be still and know that God will bring to pass all that He has said He would do. We look forward to seeing this fulfilled as seen in: **2Pe 3:13 "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."**

We look forward to seeing the fulfillment of the prophetic picture of the eternal church of God, seen in: **Re 21:1-9; 1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. 6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."**

Looking at the whole of this Psalm, we see God procuring his people from the antichrist throughout time. Satan has been in rebellion and raging against God since the beginning of time, according to the scriptures. The time is coming when God will no longer tolerate the rebellion of Satan and his followers, seen in: **Re 19:11-21; 11 ¶ "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. 13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. 17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."**

The heathen rage in vain, as we see their doom in these verses in: **Re 20:11-15; 11 ¶ "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."**

"the earth melted." Prophetically, we shall see this fulfilled as seen in: **2Pe 3:10-12; 10 "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. 11 ¶ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"**

We are told of the return of Christ in **1Th 4:16-18; 16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."** Thus, the reign of eternal peace and rest will begin, and we shall know the LORD is with us! Hallelujah!