

Sunday, March 22, 2020 - I Am God...

Psalms 46:10-11

Be still, and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Google the word 'tsunami' and you can watch countless videos of water rolling from the oceans to dry land swallowing all within its path. Each video carries a common pattern: individuals caught in the path, running for their lives hopefully to higher ground where they won't be overcome and drowned or swept away.

God's people are always seen as a people of action. From the earliest moments of the Old Testament, to the Great Commission and beyond in the New Testament, God's people are called show that we are set apart from the world and, particularly as directed in the New Testament, to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

God calls his people to be an active people. We are commanded to "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). James goes on to write, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17). But what do we do when life gets to be too much and all that we experience seems to overwhelm us?

The opening declaration of Psalms 46 states that God is our refuge and strength; therefore, the Lord's people need not fear even in the most desolate of circumstances.

This idea flies against what human nature tells us to be. Be still, NEVER. I want to go, do and most importantly FIX all that is wrong in my life. Yet the Psalmist reminds, we are NOT in control. GOD IS IN CONTROL! We need to learn to rely on Jehovah God! Why? Because we are finite and God is infinite!

For those who are in the Lord, we can live in calmness. Psalms 46 relays to us the many things God can do (and there are so many more) that we cannot do.

At the forefront of these things is, when I rise out of the waters of baptism, my sins now washed away, I'm assured that my place in heaven is secured as I live my life in accordance with God's will.

Two passages come to mind that focus me on the confidence I should have in Him regardless the circumstances:

Romans 8:31 - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

Matthews 10:28-31 - And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father: but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

For those in the Lord, you have the everlasting peace, comfort and spiritual protection of the one who created all, can do all, knows all and has built a home for you in heaven.

Be still and know He is God.