

Finding Security In An Insecure World
God's Presence, Our Security
Psalm 46

The First Truth: God **is** present with us, even when our world seems troubled.
“God is our refuge and strength, an **ever-present** help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1
“The LORD Almighty **is with us**; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” Psalm 46:7

The Second Truth: God is present with us as a **helper**.

“God is...**an ever-present help**...” Psalm 46:1

- He helps us by giving us **strength** to face trouble.
“God is within her, she will not fall...” Psalm 46:5a
- He helps us by giving us a different **perspective** on the troubles of our world.
- At times, he helps us by **changing** the things that trouble us.

The Third Truth: Just a **small drop** of the presence of God is enough to transform us and bring us joy.

“There is a river whose streams **make glad** the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells.” Psalm 46:4

“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, **streams of living water will flow from within him.**’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.” John 7:37-39a

The Fourth Truth: We deepen our experience of the presence of God by learning the discipline of **being still**

“**Be still**, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10

- The discipline of stillness happens when we take a **time-out** from our troubled world and **quiet** ourselves in the presence of God.
- When we are still, our experience of God and our awareness of his sovereign control grow **ever larger**.

The Bottom Line Truth: As we are still and experience the presence of God, we find **security** in an **insecure** world.