

# Psalm 46

Jesus

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song for Alamoth.

## Immovable Faith

1 God is our **refuge and strength**, A very **present help in trouble**. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. **Selah** 4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. 6 The nations 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, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. **Selah**

- **Psalms 46,47 and 48** During time of Hezekiah/Victory over Assyria
- Messianic of Future Kingdom

Both in the **future Kingdom/** In our **lives today...**  
**Chaos becomes order when God steps in/Jesus takes His rightful throne**

### What if all we know goes bye-bye?

- **Earth is removed:** Every earthly foundation falls apart?
- **Mountains fall in ocean:** Things we always thought were forever gone?

### We will not Fear...Why?

**vv1-2** God is Our Refuge/Our Strength...Very Present Help **in the Fire of Tribulation**

### Selah.

**When all we know burns...God's presence will be enough**

- **vv 4-7 The Lord steps in:** Kingdom later/Our lives now

1. **Living Water** flows from Temple of God: Kingdom Later/From hearts today

**Zechariah 14:8** And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem

**John 7:38** [We are the Temple of God] He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will **flow rivers of living water.**

2. **Jesus' reigns as King:** Kingdom later/In our hearts today

### The King steps into the Chaos/Everything Changes...

- **vv 6-7 Context:** Tribulation...Chaos/Confusion/Disorder
- **Nations will rage/Kingdoms** will move against the Lord

**Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations rage...** 2 The kings of the earth set themselves...Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens **shall laugh...**6 "Yet I have **set My King** On My holy hill of Zion."

- **What about our current tribulation:** Everything that can be shaken is shaken?
- Has God set Jesus as King of our lives?

Chaos becomes Order when God steps into Tribulation  
As Jesus takes His Rightful Place on the Throne of Jerusalem/Our hearts

- **v 5 God's Promise to Jerusalem/Us?**
  1. I will dwell in your midst/You shall not be moved
  2. I will help you...break of dawn. [Just before losing hope/darkest]
- **v 6 Resistance:** Nations Raging/Kingdoms Roaring **at the...**
  1. **Inescapable reality** New King was coming
  2. **Voice that speaks** has ability to melt the earth [Armageddon]
- **v 7 God's Promise to His people:** He will deal with our enemies/Our refuge
- **v 8 Here He comes to earth...**and His works follow
  1. He makes **earth desolate**
  2. He makes **wars cease**
  3. He **breaks weapons of demons/men**

**Revelation 19:11** Now **I saw heaven opened**, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. 17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great." 19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

- **vv 10-11** To all God's people throughout all time in Light of His revealed plan...
  1. **Be still... know that I am God.** Lit. Take our hands off
  2. **I will be exalted** among the nations/in the earth!
  3. **Lord of hosts is w/us...**Reiterates: God of Jacob is our refuge. **Selah**

Both **in future Kingdom/ In our lives today...**  
**Chaos becomes order when God steps in/Jesus takes His rightful throne**

## **Psalm 46** Immovable Faith in an Immovable God

### **Psalm 47**

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To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

#### **Praise the God/King of All the Earth**

1 Oh, **clap** your hands, all you peoples! **Shout** to God with the voice of triumph! 2 For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. 3 He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. 4 He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. **Selah** 5 God has gone up with a shout, The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! 7 For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. 8 God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. 9 The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

- **Sons of Korah:** Messianic

#### **v1-2 Shout and Clap for our God/King The Lord is Awesome...**The Great King over All the Earth

- **Awesome:** Terrible, Feared, Dreadful, Inspiring reference, astonishment  
Not encouraging def. unless He is on our side...and He is

**Deuteronomy 7:21** You shall not be terrified of them; for the Lord your God, the great and awesome God, is among you.

- **v 3** Future Messianic Prophecy

1. **Victory over enemies**
2. **Inheritance**

- **Jews Hope:** Abe's Land...Excellence of Jacob, i.e., Israel/Jerusalem
- **All believer's hope:** All that heaven is and earth is not. **Reserved!**

**1 Peter 1:4** ... an inheritance **incorruptible and undefiled** and that does not fade away, **reserved** in heaven for you...

#### **Inheritance Waiting: Selah Calls for a Shout...Begins to Get Loud**

- **v 5** God goes up to battle w/a shout/trumpet
- **v 6-8** Sing praises as Jesus takes His throne

That day all people of earth will understand...Jesus is both God and King

In that day men will acknowledge no other God...No other King

**Zechariah 14:9** And the Lord shall be **King over all the earth**. In that day it shall be—  
**“The Lord is one,” And His name one.**

- The world will be singing Jesus' praise for 1000 years.

One God. One King. One Theme...of Every Song

**1 Chronicles 16:31** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, **“The Lord reigns.”**

...the leaders of God's people gather to both receive/exalt the King of all the earth. [Guzik]

**v 9** The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

- **IOWs** Our protection belongs to the Lord...He is to be exalted

**Psalm 47** Praise Jesus the God/King of All the Earth

## Psalm 48

Jesus

A Song. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

### Jerusalem the City of Our God

**1 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised** In the **city of our God**, In His holy mountain. **2 Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the whole earth, Is Mount Zion on the sides of the north, The city of the great King.** **3 God is in her palaces;** He is known as her refuge. **4 For behold, the kings assembled, They passed by together.** **5 They saw it, and so they marveled; They were troubled, they hastened away.** **6 Fear took hold of them there, And pain, as of a woman in birth pangs,** **7 As when You break the ships of Tarshish With an east wind.** **8 As we have heard, So we have seen In the city of the Lord of hosts, In the city of our God: God will establish it forever. Selah** **9 We have thought, O God, on Your lovingkindness, In the midst of Your temple.** **10 According to Your name, O God, So is Your praise to the ends of the earth; Your right hand is full of righteousness.** **11 Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the daughters of Judah be glad, Because of Your judgments.** **12 Walk about Zion, And go all around her. Count her towers; 13 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces; That you may tell it to the generation following.** **14 For this is God, Our God forever and ever; He will be our guide Even to death.**

- **Sons of Korah:** Messianic

### Psalm of Jerusalem

Future City of Our God/King Jesus Christ

There is something about God's Real Estate that binds inhabitants of the city with the city itself and with its King. [NJC]

**Revelation 21:1** [New Jerusalem] Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband ...**9** [Angel to John] "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God ...**14** Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the **twelve apostles of the Lamb**. [Representing us the Church]

**1 Peter 2:5** ... you also, as **living stones**, are being built up a **spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

- **Psalm 48** Speaks of Jerusalem old and new...

1. **v 2, 3** **City of Great King**...God is in her palaces
2. **vv 4-7** Kings of earth no longer seeking a two-state solution. At all
3. **v 8** Jerusalem the indisputable City of our God...**Selah**

- **v 9** World will worship Jesus **in Jerusalem**: Meditate on His lovingkindness
- **v 10** World will finally worship Jesus in exact proportion to His Name/Righteousness

**v 11** Inhabitants of Jerusalem will be glad at the final outcome of God's Judgment. After being besieged 23 times, attacked 52 times, and captured/recaptured 44 times...the inhabitants of Jerusalem **will praise God for their city**...

**vv 12-13** Walk about Zion And go all around her. Count her towers...Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her palaces that you may tell it to the generation following

**v14** ...For this is God forever and ever...He will be our guide Even to death [and after]

## **Psalm 48** Jerusalem the City of Our God

## **Psalm 49**

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### **False Confidence of the Fool**

1 Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, 2 Both low and high, Rich and poor together. 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the meditation of my heart shall give understanding. 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will disclose my dark saying on the harp. 5 **Why should I fear in** the days of evil, When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me? 6 **Those who trust in their wealth** And boast in the multitude of their riches, 7 **None of them can by any means redeem** his brother, Nor give to God a ransom for him— 8 For the **redemption of their souls is costly**, And it shall cease forever— 9 That he should continue to live eternally, And not see the Pit. 10 For he sees wise men die; Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, And leave their wealth to others. 11 Their inner thought is that their **houses will last forever**, Their dwelling places to all generations; They call their lands **after their own names**. 12 Nevertheless man, **though in honor**, does

**not remain**; He is like the beasts that **perish**. 13 This is the **way of those who are foolish**, And of their posterity who approve their sayings. **Selah** 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them; The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling. 15 But **God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me. Selah** 16 Do not be afraid when one becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased; 17 For when he dies he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him. 18 Though while he lives he blesses himself (For men will praise you when you do well for yourself), 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall **never see light**. 20 A man who is in honor, yet does not understand, Is like the beasts that perish.

- **Sons of Korah**

**vv 1-4** Listen up Everybody in the World...I will let you know a mystery of God

- **v 6-13 Mystery:** Everybody is going to die so be ready

1. **v 6** Why should I fear those who trust in riches?
2. **v 7** Do they have the power to redeem a soul? Mine/theirs?

**v 8 I** I know that buying back a soul from death/hell is costly

**Job 36:18** Because there is wrath, beware lest [God] take you away with one blow; For a large ransom **would not help you avoid it**. 19 Will your riches, Or all the mighty forces, **Keep you from distress?**

**v 9-11** My ranch/land will last forever.

**Psalms 52:7 [Righteous will laugh]** "Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."

**Proverbs 11:28** He who trusts in his riches will fall, But the righteous will flourish like foliage.

- Can't love both God/man. Loving one means hating the other. Period.

**Mark 10:23** ... How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, "Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God!"

- **v11-13** The foolish believe the party will never end...Nevertheless it will

**Truth? It's all gonna burn. Selah**

**v 14** Beauty rots away/death feeds on nice clothes [Buried in suit?]

**v 15 Psalmist:** Trusting in God  
God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave. **He shall receive me**

- Ratio of those who die remains **relatively constant 1:1** [Enoch/Elijah free ride]

**Psalm 89:48** What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah

- No but Jesus death on the cross can

We will all die/will all be judged. We all sinned/somebody needs to pay

**Choice...Jesus or something we have to offer.** What will you offer for your soul?

**Matthew 16:26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or **what will a man give** in exchange for his soul?

**Luke 12:19** [Rich man] I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." '20 But God said to him, '**Fool!** This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'

- **v 19** Wicked will **never see the Light**
- **v 20** Many well-dressed honorable yet foolish men/women in hell

**Job 4:21** Does not their own **excellence go away?** They die, even **without wisdom.**

The body of even the honorable rich man who does not understand the depths of his sin and depravity will perish like an animal even as his souls continues on in hell for eternity. [NJC]

To those of us who know we got nothing/need Jesus

**God will redeem our soul from the power of the grave...He shall receive us**

**Psalm 49** False Confidence of the Fool

## Psalm 50

Jesus

A Psalm of Asaph.

**Listen Up Earth** I made this easy for you

1 The Mighty One, God the Lord, Has spoken and called the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down. 2 **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.** 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. 4 He shall call to the heavens from above, And to the earth, that He may judge His people: 5 "Gather My saints together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." 6 Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself is Judge. **Selah** 7 "Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you; **I am God, your God!** 8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings, Which are continually before Me. 9 I will not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your folds. 10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, And the cattle on a thousand hills. 11 I know all the birds of the mountains, And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. 12 "**If I were hungry,** I would not tell you; For **the world is Mine,** and all its fullness. 13 **Will I eat the flesh of bulls,** Or drink the blood of goats? 14 Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay your vows to the Most High. 15 **Call upon Me** in the day of trouble; **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."** 16

But to the wicked God says: "What right have you to declare My statutes, Or **take My covenant in your mouth**, 17 Seeing you **hate instruction** And **cast My words behind you**? 18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers. 19 You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son. 21 These things you have done, and I kept silent; **You thought that I was altogether like you**; But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes. 22 "Now consider this, you who forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be none to deliver: 23 Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright **I will show the salvation of God.**"

- **Asaph:** Period of David/Solomon

**vv 1-6** God calls the earth to gather for judgment **Selah**

- **Mighty One** *El.* Might of God simply/Absolutely
- **God** *Elohim* Plural form of God. Speaks of Wisdom/Might
- **LORD** *YHWH* Ever Revealing One. The I AM

**IOWs God is speaking/Ready to judge so listen up...Selah**

- **vv 7-15** First to His people
  1. **vv8-11** Bulls/Goats never did it for Me. BTW I own them all anyway
  2. I don't eat flesh/drink blood. Not hungry and *if I was I wouldn't ask you*

**Isaiah 1:11** To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats.

**Hosea 6:6** For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

**v15** You can't offer Me anything I don't have...So, Instead of Religious Deeds Call on Me/I will deliver you/This is what brings Me glory

- **Salvation is very accessible...**
  1. Not so high you must jump up to the sky in pride
  2. Not so low you have to gravel in dust of false humility

**Romans 10:8b** "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" [that is, the word of faith which we preach]: 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved...** 13 For "whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

**Joel 2:32 ... whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.**

**Acts 16:30b** ...Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved..."

- **vv 7-15** God spoke first to His people
- **vv 16-21** Now speaks to **wicked Legalists...**



Those using God's Law to enslave people rather than point them to Jesus

**1 Timothy 1:7** ...desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. 8 But we know that the law is good **if one uses it lawfully...**

- How do we use **the law lawfully** [rightly]? Not to save but to convict

**Romans 3:20** ...by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the **knowledge of sin.**

- **v 16** Don't quote My Law if you're going to use it incorrectly
- **v 17** Cast My Words behind you. Out of context

**v 18** Command all to keep the law while breaking it yourselves...

**Romans 2:17** Indeed you are called a Jew, and **rest on the law**, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. 21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, **do you steal?** 22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," **do you commit adultery?** You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who make your **boast in the law**, do you dishonor God through **breaking the law?** 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written.

- **vv19-20** Mouth speaks evil/Slander your brother...

**...at the same time laying a trip on everyone else!**

**Acts 15:10** Now therefore, **why do you test God** by **putting a yoke on the neck** of the disciples which neither our fathers **nor we were able to bear?**

- **v 21** I kept silent by now it's time to judge
- **v 21** Thought I was like you. Forgetful. But I'm not.

I am God/you are not. I am Judge and will judge **so listen up/learn**

**Matthew 9:12** ... "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: **'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.'** For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance." 14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?"

- **What?** There will always be self-righteous legalists. Broad road full of `em

True Believers are saved by **Grace alone** though **Faith alone** in **Jesus alone**

**Luke 18:16** [Apostles stopping kids from coming to Jesus] "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not **receive the kingdom of God as a little child** will by no means enter it."

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