

Series: Chasing Truth

Sermon: Our Fortress in the Midst of Chaos

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-11 (ESV)

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Psalm 46 (ESV)

- ¹ *God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*
- ² *Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,*
- ³ *though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*
- ⁴ *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.*
- ⁵ *God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.*
- ⁶ *The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*
- ⁷ *The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*
- ⁸ *Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.*
- ⁹ *He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with 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 fortress.*

God is our Comforter through there be chaos in creation. (vv. 1-3)

Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 28:20 (ESV)

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4a (ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction...

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (ESV)

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

God is our Protector though there be chaos in the city. (vv. 4-7)

John 10:9-10 (ESV)

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:11 (ESV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

God is our Champion through there be chaos in the nations (vv. 8-11)

Isaiah 2:1-5 (ESV)

¹ *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.*

² *It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,*

³ *and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

⁴ *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

⁵ *O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.*

Isaiah 53:3-6 (ESV)

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-25 (ESV)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Luke 9:17-20 (ESV)

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."