

PSALM 46: 1-11 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging. *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- <sup>5</sup> God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.
- <sup>6</sup> Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*
- <sup>8</sup> Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."
- <sup>11</sup> The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

1. **God's omnipresence—God is always present (v. 1-3)**  
*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (v. 1)*

**Definition:** God's transcendence over the limitations of space, to be present in all places at all times.\*

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. "For in him we live and move and have our being..." **Acts 17:27-28**

Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age... **Matt. 27:51**

2. **God's omniscience—God is all-knowing (v. 4-7)**  
*God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. (v. 5)*

**Definition:** God's infinite knowledge and understanding of things past, present, and future.\*

He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit.

**Psalm 147:4-5**

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. **Hebrews 4:13**

3. **God's omnipotent—God is all-powerful (vs 8-11)**  
*"Be still, and know that I am God! ...I will be exalted in the earth. (v. 10)*

**Definition:** God's unlimited authority to bring into existence or cause to happen whatsoever he wills.\*

Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you. **Jer. 32:17**

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." **Matt. 19:26**

\*Elwell, & Beitzel, (1988). In Baker encyclopedia of the Bible. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.