

# **Press On: Praising God for His Provision**

#### Psalm 46:1-11

# **Sermon Series Summary**

Have you ever gone through moments, days, or weeks and just felt compelled to "PRAISE" God or shout a loud voice of "THANKSGIVING?" We live in a world that is continually bombarding us with obstacles that strive to take our focus off of praising God. This series helps you refocus your attention on putting God first and foremost as the predominate point of praise in your life.

## Main Passage

**Psalm 46:1-11** (ESV) – <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah* <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup> "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 of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* 

### Three Facts to Recognize About the Perfect Provider

#### Fact #1 – Recognize Today that the Lord is the Perfect Provider of Protection and Power

**Psalm 46:1-3** (ESV) – <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah* 

• **Key Point** – The first fact that we examine illustrates the importance of recognizing the Lord as the perfect provider. The Lord is the true Provider of your protection in times of trial and power in times of weakness.

#### Fact #2 – Recognize Today that the Lord is the Perfect Provider of Perseverance

**Psalm 46:4-7** (ESV) – <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* 

Key Point – The second fact that we examine illustrates the importance of the recognizing the Lord as the Provider of perseverance. Each of us will go through days of difficulty and will need strength greater than our own to endure the trial. Where does this strength come from? It comes from the Lord alone!

# Fact #3 – Recognize Today that the Lord is the W<u>orthy</u> to Be P<u>raised</u> as the P<u>reeminent</u> P<u>rovider</u>

**Psalm 46:8-11** (ESV) – <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup> "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 of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah* 

Key Point – The final fact that we examine illustrates the Lord as the One who is worthy to be praised. He is to be praised as the Author of Creation, Alpha, Omega, Beginning, and End. He is to be praised as the Preeminent Provider in life.

#### Memory Verse

**Psalm 46:10** – "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

#### Challenge:

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others turn their disbelief into belief by...

- Inviting others to Bible study or a Sunday morning service
- Asking others how you could pray for them