

Message Notes for June 14th, 2020 – 10am on FB Live
“HELP! The Earth is Falling” Psalm 46
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1 – Troubled Waters *Psalm 46:1-3*

God is our refuge, strength
and very-present help

Exodus 19:3-5

Troubled waters exist
because of the Fall

2 – How will things get better? *Psalm 46:4-7*

There is a river...

Genesis 2:10;
Zechariah 13:1;
Revelation 22:1-3

Galatians 3:13-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19

Aslan's stream

John 7:37-38

3 – What am I to do? *Psalm 46:8-11*

Come and see

Be still and know that Jesus is God

Luke 24:13-27

Gospel Application:

Will you let the “river that flows from the tree of life” direct your response to trouble?

What’s one way Jesus can be still and know Jesus is God this week?

Scripture Passages (from the New International Version)

Psalm 46

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

Exodus 19:3-5

3 Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession.

Genesis 2:10

There is a river that waters the garden of Eden

Zechariah 13:1

On that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity

Revelation 22:1-3

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of

the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us -- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

John 7:37-38

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them

Luke 24:13-27

13 Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles[a] from Jerusalem. 14 They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; 16 but they were kept from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. 18 One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" 19 "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. 20 The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; 21 but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. 22 In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. 24 Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." 25 He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

Quotes

- "The entrance of depravity into the world, as the consequence of the Fall (Gen 3:1-13), greatly affected man's ability to function as the person originally designed and created to exhibit the attributes of the Creator. In fact, the image was impaired, affecting everything, including man's ability to think correctly about the world. Not only are humans morally and intellectually limited, but also -- because of the implications of the Fall -- human

nature is predisposed toward things unintended by the Creator... Combining human sinfulness with the overall fall of the created order has led to every form of injustice and error imaginable (Rom 1:21, 28-32)."

Anthony B. Bradley, *Liberating Black Theology: The Bible and the Black Experience in America*, 241

- "The scene changes subtly, but dramatically, in vv. 4–7. These verses focus on the city of God. The noisy and foaming waters of v. 3 are transformed in v. 4 to a river and its streams that make the city of God joyful. God dwells in the midst of the city, and the quaking and the trembling of the mountains have ceased. Even though the nations are agitated and quake, God's voice has sounded and the earth will not tremble. All of the geographic elements and many of the verbs used in vv. 1–3 (quake, tremble, sound) are present in vv. 4–7, but in the latter verses the chaotic elements have been transformed to peaceful symbols of the presence of God."

Nancy deClaissé-Walford and Beth Tanner, "Book Two of the Psalter: Psalms 42–72," in *The Book of Psalms*, ed. E. J. Young, R. K. Harrison, and Robert L. Hubbard Jr., *The New International Commentary on the Old Testament* (Grand Rapids, MI; Cambridge, U.K.: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2014), 424.

But although the sight of water made her feel ten times thirstier than before, she didn't rush forward and drink. She stood as still as if she had been turned into stone, with her mouth wide open. And she had a very good reason: just on this side of the stream lay the lion.

...“If I run away, it'll be after me in a moment,” thought Jill. “And if I go on, I shall run straight into its mouth.” Anyway, she couldn't have moved if she had tried, and she couldn't take her eyes off it. How long this lasted, she could not be sure; it seemed like hours. And the thirst became so bad that she almost felt she would not mind being eaten by the lion if only she could be sure of getting a mouthful of water first.

“If you're thirsty, you may drink.”

...For a second she stared here and there, wondering who had spoken. Then the voice said again, “If you are thirsty, come and drink.”...It was deeper, wilder, and stronger; a sort of heavy, golden voice. It did not make her any less frightened than she had been before, but it made her frightened in rather a different way.

“Are you not thirsty?” said the Lion.

“I'm *dying* of thirst,” said Jill.

“Then drink,” said the Lion.

“May I — could I — would you mind going away while I do?” said Jill.

The Lion answered this only by a look and a very low growl.

...The delicious rippling noise of the stream was driving her nearly frantic.

“Will you promise not to — do anything to me, if I do come?” said Jill.

“I make no promise,” said the Lion.

...“I daren't come and drink,” said Jill.

“Then you will die of thirst,” said the Lion.

“Oh dear!” said Jill, coming another step nearer. “I suppose I must go and look for another stream then.”

“There is no other stream,” said the Lion.

It never occurred to Jill to disbelieve the Lion — no one who had seen his stern face could do that — and her mind suddenly made itself up. It was the worst thing she had ever had to do, but she went forward to the stream, knelt down, and began scooping up water in her hand. It was the coldest, most refreshing water she had ever tasted. You didn't need to drink much of it, for it quenched your thirst at once

● Lewis, C.S. The Silver Chair. HarperTrophy: New York, 1981, pp. 19-21