

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Turn off the outside “noise” for a couple of minutes and consider this message from God’s Word. I am praying that it calms your spirit and encourages your heart.

PSALM 46 (NIV)

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.

— PART 1 —

“*There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God*” — there are rivers all over God’s good world, and throughout the pages of God’s Word. At the beginning of human history, there was a river.

A river watering the garden flowed from Eden...

GENESIS 2:10 (NIV)

In the unimaginable future that God is preparing for us, there is a river.

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
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.
REVELATION 22:1-2 (NIV)

So we cry out, **“Father, we long for what you have prepared for us! Send your river! Send your water! Send your life! Bring your healing to the nations — to our grieving planet! Eradicate this virulent virus; pour over us your wholeness!”**

And here in Psalm 46, there is a river. ***This river brings comfort and hope to God’s children who often find themselves*** — then and now — **“in trouble”** (see Psalm 46:1b). That trouble sometimes shakes us our world. It feels overwhelming. The Psalmist describes it using the language of terror:

² ...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.
PSALM 46 (NIV)

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So we cry out, ***“Father, send your river!
Lord Jesus, send your life!
Holy Spirit, send your water!”***

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May God’s joy and gladness be poured out on you today,

Pastor Doug

P.S. We would love to hear from you! How are you doing right now? And we would love to pray for you! Email us at info@bethanyonline.net

P.P.S. Keep checking this page — we will try to post fresh encouragement **every day** during this crisis!

P.P.P.S. And watch our **LIVE-STREAM Worship Service** this coming Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for more encouragement.