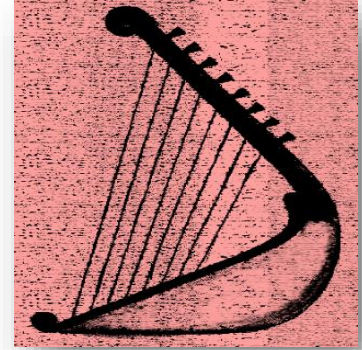


PSALM 46 vs 1

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Title: For the Chief musician, -- He who could sing other Psalms so well was entrusted with this noble ode; for the sons of Korah, one alone cannot fulfil the praise, there must be choristers with him; they were a division of the Levites who took their turn serving in the temple. All the works of holy service ought not to be monopolized by one order of talent, but each company of believers should in due course enjoy the privilege, none should be without a part in the service of God. This psalm might be remembered as **THE SONG OF HOLY CONFIDENCE**, but it will certainly be remembered as **MARTIN LUTHER'S PSALM**.



Divisions: The Psalm is divided by inspired authority into three parts, each part ends with **Selah** -- Charles Spurgeon.

For the Chief musician,

A Psalm of the sons of Korah, set to the Alamoth. A Song

¹ **God is our refuge and strength, in trouble a very present help.**

² **On this we will not fear, let the earth be moved, and the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;**

³ **let its waters roar and be troubled, let the mountains shake with its swelling.**

Selah, think about it: Others vaunt their impregnable castles, placed on inaccessible rocks; secured with gates of iron, but not our armies, nor our fortresses; God is our refuge and strength. He never withdraws Himself from His people; He is their help, truly, effectively, constantly; He is close at their side and ready; He is more present than friend or relative can be, yes, more present than even the trouble.

⁴ **There is a river, its streams delight the city of God, the holy tent of the Most High.**

⁵ **God is in the midst of her; she will not be moved: God will help her, when morning dawns.**

⁶ **The nations roared, the kingdoms tottered: He raised His voice, and the earth melted.**

⁷ **The LORD of hosts is with us; a refuge is the God of Jacob.**

Selah, think about it: "God is in the midst of her" God Himself is that river – Ralph Erskine,(1685-1752) Three days without water, and we start to die. How many days without the water of His word? The God of the **scoundrel**, the fraud; the criminal; He is their shelter, mentioned more frequently than the God of those He rules – **Jacob** mentioned more than Israel.

⁸ **Come, see the works of the LORD, who made desolations in the earth.**

⁹ **He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;**

He breaks the bow, and cuts in two the spear; the chariot He burns in the fire.

¹⁰ Be still, and know **I am God**: I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; our refuge is the God of Jacob.

Selah, think about it: The citizens are invited to go forth and view the remains of their enemies, that they may mark the skill of the Lord. The destroyers He destroys; the desolators He desolates. In every place where His cause and crown have been disregarded, ruin has surely followed – Charles Spurgeon

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