

Sermon Notes

Providence Community Church

3-8-15 Ken Carlton

Title: I AM GOD

Main Text: Psalm 46

Sermon Description: Psalm 46 exhorts the worshipper in verse 10 to “be still and know that I am God”. The assurance, confidence, and peace in the heart of the believer is exclusively established upon the foundation of faith in the sovereignty of God. Our frantic efforts, anxious striving, fearful defense mechanisms, and self preservation stresses all find their remedy in “beholding the works of the Lord” (8). A frequent theme of the Psalter is quintessentially and poetically heralded in Psalm 46. We can compare these powerfully freeing words to the lyrics of other Psalms like 121, where the worshipper exalts the refuge found in the truth and promise that “He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep”. I received an e-mail this week which asked a simple question: “How strong is your faith?” The significance of this query would have been quite forgettable if it hadn't been accompanied by a photograph of some 100 human shaped lumps of charcoal. They were Nigerian Christians who were burned alive for their faith in Jesus Christ. Few things can prepare you for a test like that – but meditating on Psalm 46 is one sure way to fortify the believer's resolve behind the fortress of His God.

Heading: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT HE IS THE GOD OF...

1. DESOLATION & CONSOLATION [JUDGEMENT & SALVATION] (1-5)

- a. Refuge and strength (1)
- b. Judgement imagery (2-3)
- c. Salvation imagery (4-5)

2. NATIONS & NATURE (6, 8-10)

- a. Korah connection (Num 16)
- b. Idol of the laws of nature (6,8,10)
- c. Idol of human will (6,9,10)

3. ARMIES & FAMILIES (7,11)

- a. Cosmos to covenant
- b. Tale of 2 arks
- c. Application (Faithful parents and church members these days)

Close: The fruit of believing Psalm 46 is summed up in the verse 2 phrase: “we will not fear”. We are liberated from terror and set free to be still through the knowledge and assurance that the Lord of Hosts and the God of Jacob never is still.

FAMILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:	Theme:
Judgement	Salvation	Nature	Nations	Lord of hosts	God of Jacob
Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:	Verses:
Ps 46:2-3, 6-7	Ps 46:1, 3-4	Ps 46:6,8,10	Ps 46:6,9,10	Ps 46	Ps 46

NEXT WEEK: Guest speaker: Stanley Clark