

INTRODUCTION

A. PSALMS, LUTHER, ALL SAINTS EVE

B. A MIGHTY FORTRESS

I. PSALM 46

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1. a suitable setting (Is.37:33f, see chps.36,37; 2Kngs.19; 2Chr.32)
2. Alamo: “young women” (title; see Ex.15:1f; 1Sam.18:7)
3. Immanuel-Jesus (1; 7,11; see Mt.1:23,21)

A. TRUTH & CONSEQUENCE (1-3)

1. defense & offense (1a; see Dt.33:29,26f; Eph.6:16f)
2. compelling conclusion (1b; see Ps.78:1f,7; Acts 4:2,13f)
3. consequence: unafraid (2; see Gen.15:1; Ex.14:1; Mt.10:26f; 14:27)
4. disaster: the immovable moves (2f; see Dan.8:10; Mk.10:29f)
5. natural and human terror (2,3; see Ps.2:1f; Is.13:4; 17:2; Mt.24:6f; Rev.11:1f)

B. THE CITY OF REFUGE (4-7; see Num.35:25f)

1. the city of God (4; see 87:3; Rev.3:12; 21:2)
2. the river channels (4; 2Chr.32:30; Is.16:10; see Gen.2:10f; Ezk.47:1f; Jn.7:38f; Rev.22:1f)
3. tabernacle: Most High’s holy dwelling places (4; Ex.29:45f; see Jn.1:14; Eph.2:21f; Col.3:1; Heb.12:22)
4. immovable (5a; see Mt.7:24f; 16:18; Eph.2:19f)
5. with us for timely help (5b; see Ps.30:5; Is.37:21f,36; Lk.18:7; 24:1f; 2Pt.1:19; 3:3f)
6. roar put down with a word (6; Is.36:1f/37:22f; see Mk.4:39f; 5:1f; Lk.7:7; 2Th.2:8; Rev.19:15)
7. summary: Immanuel-Jesus (7; see Mt.1:23,21)

C. THE BATTLEFIELD OF DESTRUCTION (8-11)

1. desolations (8,9; see 2Sam.7:1f; Is.37:36f; Col.2:15; Rev.19:15f)
2. rebuke & comfort: the LORD is God (10; see 100:3; Ezk.6:10,etc.; Mt.24:30; 26:64; Rev.1:4f; Ps.2:4f; Eph.1:15-23; 2Kngs.6:16)
3. summary: Immanuel-Jesus (11; see Mt.1:23,21)

II. A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

A. OVERWHELMING TROUBLE (2,3; 6; see Jn.16:33; 2Tm.3:12; Heb.12:3)

B. A PROVEN HELP (1,2; 7,11; Mt.1:23,21; see 1Cor.15:3f; Rom.8:34f)

C. A HEAVENLY CITY (4f; Heb.12:22; see Eph.2:19f; Col.3:1f; Phil.3:20 Rev.21:10f)

D. A SPIRITUAL RIVER (4; Jn.7:38; 14:17,26; Rom.8:2f)

E. AN UNASSAILABLE STRONGHOLD (5; 7,11; Ps.61:3; Mt.7:24f; 16:18; Eph.2:19f)

F. AN IRRESISTABLE WORD (6b,10; Mk.4:39f; Rev.19:13,15)

G. A NECESSARY CONSEQUENCE (2; see Mt.10:26f; 1Pt.3:14; Rev.2:10)

III. HERE YOU STAND! (2a; Mt.7:24f; Acts 4:1f,13f; Rom.8:34f; 1Pt.3:15)