

Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. **2** Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; **3** though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. **5** God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. **6** The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. **7** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. **9** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. **10** "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." **11** The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Mark 10:46-52

46 They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. **47** When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" **48** Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" **49** Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." **50** So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **51** Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." **52** Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.