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To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah. According to Alamo. A Song.

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

²Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

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

⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

⁷The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

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A Fortress to shelter (v1-3)

- There are outside circumstances we cannot control - Natural Disaster (v1-3)
 - Flood, Drought, Locus, End times, Storms of Life (Matt 5)
 - Waters as Chaos
 - “Uncreation” not the way its supposed to be
 - “At creation, God placed the boundaries on the chaotic waters, restricting them so that dry land could appear and provide living space for animals and humans. Here the psalmist is declaring that even if the chaotic waters were to break forth and dissolve creation order back into chaos, there would be no reason for fear” (Gerald H. Wilson, NIV Application Commentary, 721).
- There are people who we cannot control- Nations Rage- the economy of man (v6)
- God is our fortress even when we cannot control

A Fortress to recoup (v4-7)

- Resources run out, created order is turned on its head. (uncreation)
- Natural illustrations from the text
 - Peaceful waters- a contrast to the chaotic waters from before
 - Ps 23:1-3, Ps 1:3
 - Immovable mountains
- God’s refuge brings everything we need
 - Ephesians 1:3, Phil 4:19, Matthew 6:25-34

A Fortress to wait (v8-11)

- God fights the battles
- God brings peace
 - “Being still does not mean that we are to undertake lives of mystic contemplation, becoming passive and inactive. Rather, we are called to stand before God and rely utterly on his power. We are to cease relying on our power and our man-made strategies to manufacture success. Instead, we are to be still before the Lord and know that he is God. As the church does God’s work in God’s way, patiently and happily await his timing for his blessing, we honor God and bring glory to him in this world” (Steve Lawson, Holman Bible Commentary, 41).
- God will be exalted now and forever

The greatest victory and peace he gives is in the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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