

My Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 46:11, “The Lord of hosts is with us; / The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.”

This verse is practically a repeat verse of verse 8, which brings up a good point for us to consider. Why did / does God repeat things to us? How many times does God have to say something in order to get the point across? In 2 Pe 1:12-15, God through Peters states for us the ministry of repetition. Peter says that he doesn't apologize for reminding them even though they knew it, and that he will remind them as long as he is alive, and that he would ensure after his death that someone reminds them of the things he mentions. We as human being need reminders of things. In the songs that we sing, oftentimes there is a chorus that we sing at the end of certain stanzas, and thus repeating certain words and phrases. We as human being need reminders of things from time to time. Obviously in this verse there is something that God thinks needs repeated so that we get the point with added force so that our confidence can be reinforced.

The Lord has all the armies at His command: armies of hornets, bees, angels, and nature. All is at His command. He has a lot backing Him when He goes to battle. Do you believe that? Do you believe that He is powerful enough to deliver you? It also says that this Lord of all armies is with us. Do you believe that He is not very far from you to help you?

He is the Strong One (God) of Jacob. That name of “Jacob” speaks of the sinful, crooked, manipulating and failing of a character in the Bible. It's amazing grace that God still worked with Jacob; but God did anyway. This God who patiently worked with Jacob will certainly work with us and our many failures. In fact, He claims to be our stronghold and refuge to protect us. Only God can protect us. Do you believe that? Do you find yourself taking refuge in this God Who even takes us in in spite of our sin? Are you trusting Him?

The “Selah” at the end is basically an interlude of praise that comes from stopping and thinking about these truths. When we really stop and think about these things of our God, it should generate some praise from us. How often have you thanked Him for being powerful, in control, present with us, gracious and merciful to us, and being our refuge? We must stop and think about Him, if we are going to have lives that accurately reflect His Word to others.

We have one more day in this psalm, but we end this verse with this thought: is God really this way to you? Do you stop and see Him at work in your life like this. If not, why not pray and ask Him to show you, and reveal Himself to you.

Praying for you today, loved ones.