

My Loved Ones:

God in Psalm 46:3 says, "Though its waters roar and be troubled, / Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah."

Because the Strong One is our Protector and Provider, we don't have to be afraid even though waters roar and mountains shake.

We here in the Ohio Valley are used to a little bit of water. We have flood markers in our city park marking the high-water marks. On 11 February 1884 the water level was 63'11", and on 17 March 1907 it was 58'. On 30 March 1913 the water level was at 66'5", and in January 1937, it was 14 feet above the flood wall! The Biblical Genesis record tells us that the old world was destroyed by Noah's flood (Ge 6-8). Those floods of the Ohio River had unrelenting rains, but weren't as bad as the Biblical Genesis Flood.

The destructions that floods bring can be devastating. Earthquakes can help bring a house down, but floods super saturating everything under its surface creates a destruction that makes you have to do your own demolition work that earthquakes normally do for you.

Ps 46:3 says that we trust our Strong Protector and Provider in spite of the waters roaring. The great thing is that the flood of waters will never erode God's plan nor His character of providing and protecting His people. Even though there could be utter destruction, we can have a quiet confidence that God is going to protect and provide.

Yes, we are in difficult days. Some say we are at the end of the world / age. Obviously, we are closer to the Lord's return than at any other time in history. But it's impossible to think about the end of the world and these dark days in which we live without becoming consumed by fear and worry, which can lead to angry outbursts or settled depression. We do not have to cave in to these things, though. God's Word is very clear: even though there may be total destruction, God is still the same, and He is there to protect and provide. He isn't just there from time to time, and ready to walk out the door when you least expect it. He is always the same: every faithful; ever sure.

God says it another way in Is 43:2 - "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; / and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you." Notice that God says that "when" we pass through the waters, not "if." We are going to have difficulties, but God promises that He will be with us. You have a lifeboat in Jesus!

The disciples were afraid at the wind and waves crashing on their boat. Jesus was with them, though, and calmed the storm. You may have a storm raging in you right now. Run to Jesus to calm it. "The waves and winds still know His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below." Your storm is under the control of God. Trust Him.

Praying for you today.