

My Loved Ones:

God says in Psalm 46:5, "God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; / God shall help her, just at the break of dawn."

God gives a tremendous promise to His people right out the gate in this verse. God promises to be with His people. Have you ever stopped to think of how many different times in the Bible that God says that He will be with people? God said it to Moses in Ex 3 when God commissioned Moses to go be an instrument in leading Israel out of Egypt. God says it to Joshua before Joshua entered the land of Canaan to conquer it for Israel's possession. God says it to cowering Gideon concerning God using Gideon to overtake the Midianites. God also says to us that as we fulfill the Great Commission of evangelizing and discipling people. The presence of God has always been precious to His people at all points. We see a visible sign of a cloud of glory of His presence as Israel wandering in the wilderness for forty years. In fact, it seems as though each time that God has a large task for His children to accomplish, He usually always reminds us of His presence to go with us. He says in Heb 13, that He will never leave us nor forsake us. Since God won't flee, forsake or fail, we do not have to fear.

There is an automatic result of God's presence with His people: we are secure. The spiritual song "We shall not be moved" comes from this passage of Scripture, but it has great application for us as believers. We are secure through dangers because of God's presence.

It reminds us of Romans 8:31, 32 which says "Since God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His Own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?" These are excellent questions that every child of God should stop and think about. Then God through Paul launches into a laundry list of difficulties that Christians go through. Many think that since we are Christians, then certainly we will not have any difficulties. But the Bible presents something completely different: God takes care of us while in difficulties. We do have difficulties, but nothing will take us away from God's love and God's presence, unless we forsake Him.

If we forsake God, God allows difficulties to come into our lives to get our attention and to focus us back on Him. God did this more than once in the Old Testament with Israel. He took them to the Babylonian Captivity to get their attention. And God has unique ways to get our attention as well. But through it all, He deepens our relationship with Him.

The "break of dawn" reference reminds us of one of the greatest times that God helped His people; it says in Ex 14 that all night Israel went through the Red Sea on dry ground, but at "break of dawn" the sea came back on the Egyptian army. This day, thank God and claim His promise to be with you and to help you.

We love you very much and pray for you.