



# *When our World is Falling Apart*

Psalm 46



# I. God's Presence (v.1)

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

A. God appears at the beginning of the Psalm.

B. The secret of peace is a personal relationship with our God.

*"God is our refuge"*

C. "Our refuge" – Our hiding place.



# Acts 27:22-25

*"And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.*

*<sup>23</sup>For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,*

*<sup>24</sup>saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'*

*<sup>25</sup>Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me.*



## **D. "Our strength"**

***Phil. 4:13, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

***Isa. 40:28-31, Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.***

***<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.***

***<sup>30</sup>Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall,***

***<sup>31</sup>But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.***

**He is our strength in times of trouble!**



E. *"A very present help in trouble."*

**1 Cor. 10:12-13**

*Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.*

*<sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.*



## II. God's our Peace (vv. 2-7)

### A. "Therefore we will not fear"

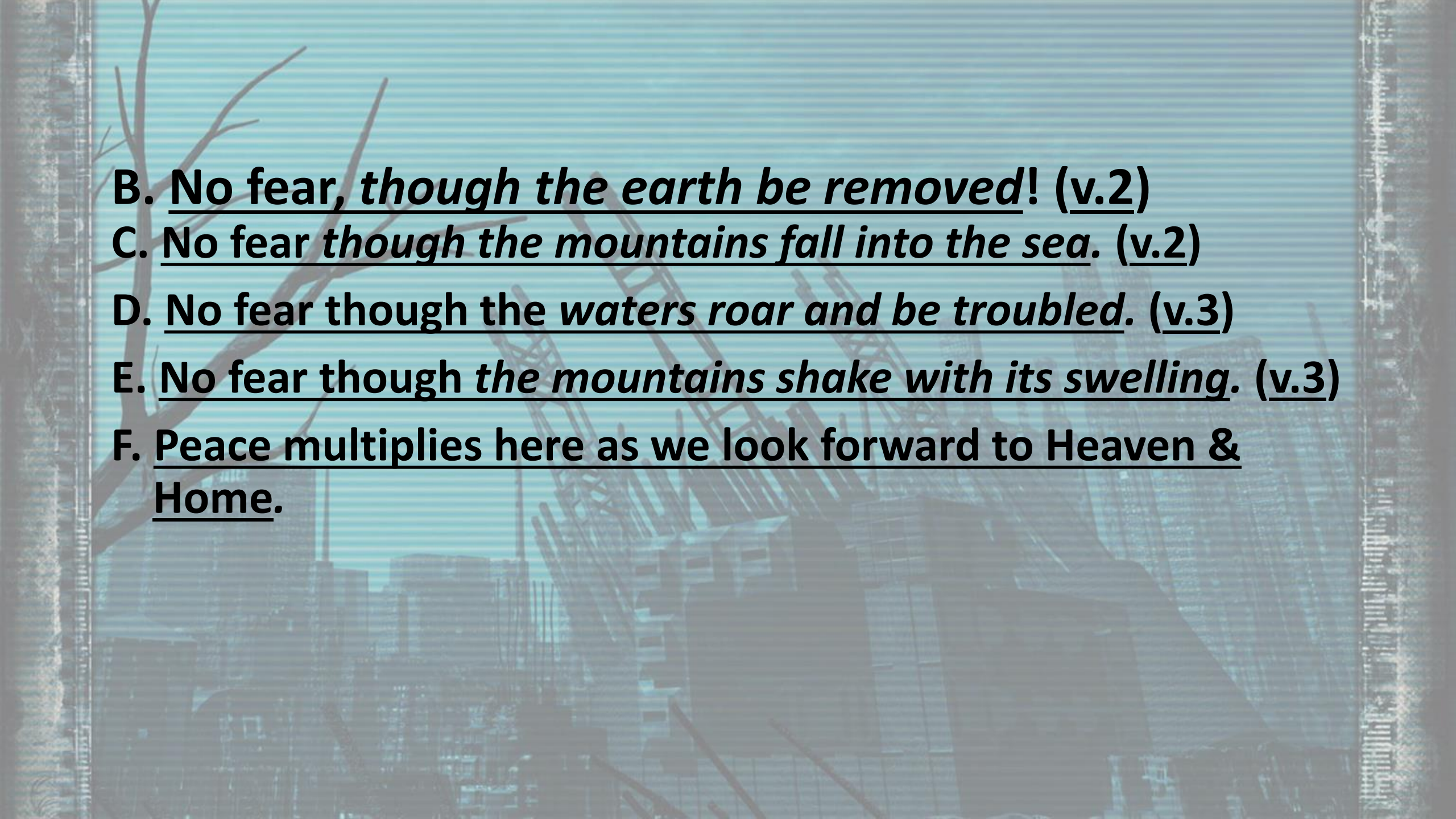
Hebrews 6:16-19, *For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.*

<sup>17</sup>*Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,*

<sup>18</sup>*that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.*

<sup>19</sup>*This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil.*



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- B. No fear, *though the earth be removed!* (v.2)
- C. No fear *though the mountains fall into the sea.* (v.2)
- D. No fear though the *waters roar and be troubled.* (v.3)
- E. No fear though *the mountains shake with its swelling.* (v.3)
- F. Peace multiplies here as we look forward to Heaven & Home.



# John 14:1-3

***“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.***

***<sup>2</sup>In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.***

***<sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.***



**G. Meanwhile, the Lord of Hosts is with us always.**

**Hebrews 13:5-6, Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

**<sup>6</sup>So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?”**



# III. God's Promises (vs. 8-11)

## A. God is at work even when our world is falling apart.

***Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.***

***John 14:16-18, I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—***

***<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.***

***<sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.***



**B. God makes wars cease. (v.9)**

**C. We can be still and leave the future with God.**

**Romans 5:1, *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

**John 10:29, *My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.***



# John 1:12-13

***But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:***

***<sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.***