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GOD IS _____, THEREFORE !

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 46:1-11

key theme: When we make God our refuge, strength, and help, we can trust in him and walk in boldness not fear.

- 1) We all have places or people or things of refuge. To examine whether your refuge is secure, you must answer the question, whom do you say that God is?
 - a. The Psalmist declares that the correct answer is that God is our Refuge and Strength and Help. (v1)
 - b. For God to be our refuge, it means that he sustains us not just during times of distress and difficulty, but with a habitual presence that brings security and comfort.
 - c. When God is our refuge, everything can be collapsing around us, but God is our strength.
- 2) When you correctly answer who God is, then there is always a **THEREFORE** that results.
 - a. You cannot acknowledge God as your refuge, strength and help and still walk in fear.
 - b. We do not need to fear because God is present with us. (v4-5, 7, 11)
 - i. Fear will cause us to lose perspective of God's presence
 - c. We do not need to fear because God has all power in his hands (v8-9)
 - i. Fear will cause us to trust in our own strength
 - d. We do not need to fear because God has an ultimate plan for everything (v10)
 - i. Fear will cause us to forget who is in control

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