

Present
Through
Presence

Matthew 18: 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Jeremiah 29: 11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalm 46: 10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God...”

Psalm 46: 1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way

and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

3 though its waters roar and foam

and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46: 4 There is a river whose streams make
glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46: 8 Come and see what the Lord has done,

the desolations he has brought on the earth.

9 He makes wars cease

to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

Psalm 46: 10 He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

II The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Know God?

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He is our refuge, strength, & ever-present help (vv. 1)

Know God?

He resides in the city of God
(vv. 4)

Know God?

The earth melts at His voice
(vv. 6)

Know God?

He causes wars to cease (vv. 9)

God is not only what He's
done.

God is when He's done it.

Be still?

What is God going to do?

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He will help at the break of day
(vv. 5)

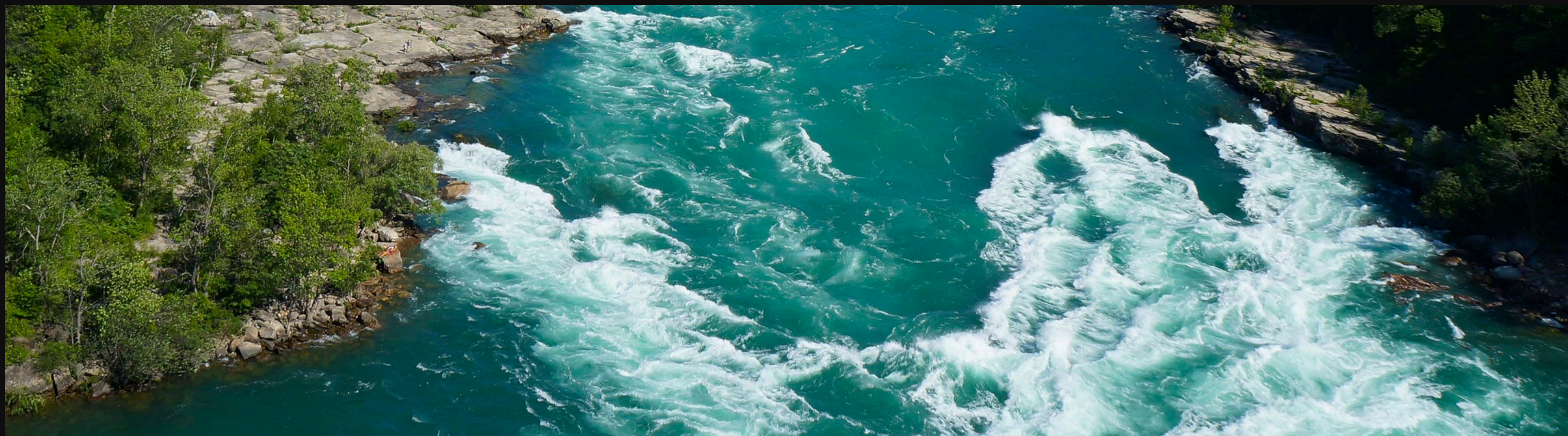
What is God going to do?

He will be exalted among the nations and in the earth (vv. 10)

God's present actions and
future promises are an
invitation to be still and know
that He is God.

The distinction between the past, present, and future is only a stubbornly persistent illusion. The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once.

~Albert Einstein.





Two things to know about prayer

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(1). Prayer begins with what you
see.

Matthew 26: 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.

1 Peter 4: 7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and **watch unto prayer.**

Exodus 14: 13 Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. **The Egyptians you see today you will never see again.** 14 The Lord will fight for you; **you need only to be still.”**

Two things to know about prayer

(2). Pray presently.

Ephesians 1: 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may **give** you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may **know** him better.

Ephesians 1: 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart **may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Philippians 3: 13 But one thing I do: Forgetting what is **behind** and straining toward what is **ahead**, **14** I **press on** toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Working Principle:
the future is good for us.

Be still

Hebrew “rapa” – to let fall

Latin – “to vacate”

Prayer is the process of
emptying yourself
of a frantic response to a
chaotic world.

Psalm 46: 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the **God of Jacob** is our fortress.

The Jews elevate Jacob
because he rigorously
pursued the inheritance and
blessing of God.

Instead of being still to know God

We often keep moving with no
God.

Hurrying **kills** love.

When you live in a crazy world
with a crazy lifestyle,
prayer is usually the first
casualty.

Sin always leaves us
unprepared for God's future.
It robs our faith and steals our
joy.

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