

Our Stronghold  
Psalm 46; John 7:37-39

- I. Review
  - A. We should not fear because God is more powerful than anything that can harm us
  - B. We should not fear because God is with us, no matter what problems we may be going through
  - C. A river makes glad the city of God – Jesus invites all to come to Him and drink
  
- II. Go further – read Psalm 27
  - A. What reasons does David give in verse 1 that we should not be afraid?
  - B. In verses 2-3, David's problem seems to be an enemy army facing him. What is his reaction to this army?
  - C. What is David's greatest desire in verse 4?
  - D. What does David expect God to do for him in verses 5 and 6, and what is his reaction to God's actions?
  - E. In verses 7-9, David turns from talking about God to talking to God in prayer. What things does he ask God to do? How are these requests consistent with the confidence David expresses in God in verses 1-3 and 10?
  - F. What does David ask God to do in verses 11 and 12? What reasons does he give for these requests?
  - G. In verse 13, where does David expect to experience God's blessings?
  - H. With what advice does David close this psalm?
  
- III. Apply
  - A. Psalm 46, written by the sons of Korah, deals with our reaction to all sorts of problems, while Psalm 27, written by David, seems to focus specifically on the opposition that comes from human enemies. How similar or different do you find the conclusions to which these different psalmists come?
  - B. By the end of Psalm 27, David still seems to be facing the same enemies. Have you ever had a time when it was hard for you to wait on God's deliverance?
  - C. David's greatest desire seems to be for God Himself (vv. 4, 8). How does having a desire for God help us in the face of our enemies?