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*The Sermon by Pastor Willie White, Jr.*

*April 19, 2020*

## **BE STILL – PSALM 46: 10 “Be Still and Know that I am God”**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!

### **My Christian brothers and sisters!**

This week I was reading about this drug rehab center in New Jersey. Don't worry! Your pastor is NOT on drugs!! Lol!

This rehab center is very unique. They teach at this center if you are a Christian, you are not an addict. You are a blood bought child of the Living God who already has been given the victory over drugs. Let me repeat that!! If you are a Christian, you are not an addict. You are a blood bought child of the Living God who already has been given victory over drugs. Wow!

We must understand this morning that a person addicted to drugs usually can't see themselves apart from their problem. At this rehab center the people there look at the individual and DON'T let their addiction define them. The staff REINFORCES the real truth. WOW! Let me repeat that. The staff REINFORCES the real truth. Every time they run into a patient, that patient is supposed to identify themselves, not as a drug addict but as a blood bought child of the Living God who already has victory over drugs. All of a sudden after a week or two, the report stated the patients begin to believe what they are telling the staff about themselves. The staff wanted the patients to speak positive things in their lives while going through a dark period. (BE STILL) They wanted them to have positive self talk.

Here in our text this morning the Psalm writer is in a dark spot but the Psalm writer is having positive self talk not a pity party. He is not complaining nor throwing a spiritual temper tantrum; the Psalm writer is depending on God.

Let us look at verses 1-4.

**Point number 1: SECURITY (comfort, protection, safety).** The Psalm writer declares in verse 1 that God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. A refuge is a safe place, a place that will provide protection. You can rest there, and the writer declares GOD is our refuge. I like that "HOT DOG!" I had to put that in! Lol! We need the security only an unchanging God can provide. Hebrews 13:8 says God is the same "yesterday, today and forever." Because God's nature is stable and trustworthy, we are free to follow and enjoy Him rather than spend our time trying to figure Him out. We are safe with God. (BE STILL)

Now let us look at verses 5-7.

**Point number 2: SOVEREIGNTY (authority, control, power).** God's sovereignty is completely inspiring. Nothing can compare to God. In verse 5 the text says God is in the midst of her. The Psalm writer is saying to us this morning God will take care of us and God will take care of His church. God's power and presence are awesome and when He speaks things must change. In verse 6 after God spoke the earth melted. Wow! Too often we presume to speak for God, let God speak for you. God cares about you. God is in control and He will speak. (BE STILL)

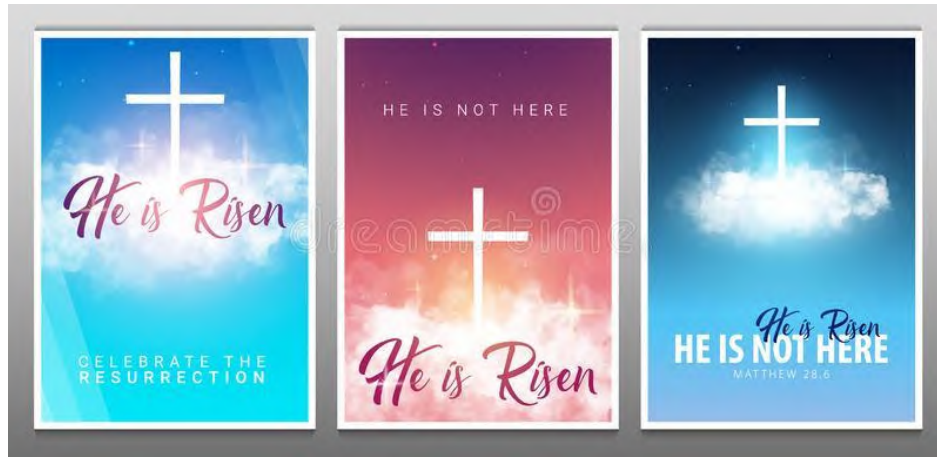
As I close this morning, let us examine verses 8-10.

**Point number 3: SILENCE (quietness, solitude, stillness).** In verse 10, the Psalm writer says "Be still!" "Be quiet!" "Be silent!" Wow! Silence is one of the BEST expressions of respect for God. War, diseases and destruction are inevitable, BUT GOD, so is God's final victory. When we stand before God, we will stand quietly before Him. How proper then for us to be still now, reverently honoring Him and His power.  
**BE STILL and let God fight for you!**

**BE STILL!**

I LOVE BEING YOUR PASTOR.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS –SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020**

--Please continue to pray, stay home and heed all public directives regarding the **Coronavirus Pandemic**. **STAY SAFE – STAY HOME** as much as possible. Please be creative to find ways to communicate with others and to stay healthy and content. God is working it out for our good. Please call members, especially sick and shut-ins.  
[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

**OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP & SERVE – Check e-mails and text messages for info.**

--**TODAY** – Noon – Pastor White preaching on FaceBook Live (Enjoy other messages at church website: [johnschapelamec.org](http://johnschapelamec.org))

--**WEDNESDAY** – JC Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

--**SUNDAY** – Church School Resumes at 9:45-10:10 via conference call. **Dial-in # 605-313-5111 Access code 737936**

--**JC MEMBERS ARE OBEYING THE LAW AND RESPONDING TO THE CENSUS.** -- The following households have reported that they are ACCOUNTED FOR in the 2020 Census, as required by law and because they are good citizens:

Pastor and Mrs. White & Family  
**LauReen McDaniel & Family**  
**Constance Jones**  
**Dianne Durdin & Family**

Carlos & Lynette Robinson  
Mack & LaToya Chambers & Family  
Bobby & Evadna Moment  
Marion Griffin

Geraldine Booth  
Dr. Russell & Mrs. Helen Nichols  
Ira "Pat" Brown  
Johnnie Sanders & Family  
Vernetta DeRamus  
Dr. Stafford & Mrs. Bessie Thompson

Ann & Nikki Mills Family  
Richard & Shelia Robinson & Family  
Betty Simmons & Vivian Johnson & Family  
Ruthie Warren & Joe Warren Jr. Family  
Franklin & Marge Simmons

**If you have responded and your name is not listed above, please let Sister Marge know. If you haven't responded, please do so today.** Check out the website at [www.census2020.gov](http://www.census2020.gov) and encourage others to respond. .

**Prayer Concerns**  
**Week of April 19-25, 2020**

**PRAYER LIST**

Sister Eleanor Bailey  
Sister Jennifer Bigham  
Sister Debra D. Brown -Address: 74 Davis Street, Charles Town, WV 25414-  
Sister Geraldine Booth  
Sister Brenda Crawford  
Caiden M. Gary, Grandson of Sis C. Jones  
Sister Annie Pearl Frazier  
Sister Ruby Grayer  
Sister Dorothy Holmes  
Sister Kim Jackson—Sister of Bro. Golden  
Sister Mable Mays  
Sister Ann McGaughey  
Bereavement – Family of Sister Mattie Mayes – McGaughey & Mayes Families  
**Dr. Russell Nichols—Out of ICU! Out of the Hospital! Home! Recovering/**  
Sister Minnie Powell, Mother of Sis. White  
Sister Rosetta White & Brother Willie White, Sr. — Parents of Pastor White  
Sister Johnnie Sanders  
Brother Larry Wilson—Husband of Sis. Shun Wilson  
Sister Eloise Williams  
**\*New entries in bold print**



**Remember to pray for and check on our shut-in members.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

April 22      Constance Jones  
April 22      Nathaniel Brown – joined 13 Oct 19  
April 24      Alicia Brooks

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

April 21, 1966      Mr. & Mrs. Roland Allen  
April 23, 2006      Mr. & Mrs. Edward Brown, Jr.  
April 25, 2015      Mr. Jared & Mrs. Ebony Simmons



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