

Daily Devotion For October 27, 2022

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in times of trouble.  
<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth **shakes** and the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; <sup>3</sup> Though its waters roar *and* foam, Though the mountains quake at its swelling pride." Selah. Psalm 46:1-3

On Tuesday, a 5.1 magnitude earthquake hit near San Jose. Did you feel it? At Bible study yesterday, a number of people said that they felt it.

We don't often question the ground beneath our feet. We take it for granted. This is one reason why earthquakes can be so terrifying. Imagine: the very surface upon which you're standing suddenly becomes unstable. The world shifts and nothing is safe. If you run inside, a portion of a building may collapse on you. If you run outside, a chasm may open in the earth, causing you to plummet hundreds of feet. Everything that was once "immovable," you realize, is exactly the opposite. You realize that the most basic, reliable objects of your everyday life are completely pliable, temporary, and unreliable in the face of such power.

Psalm 46:1-3 describes such a movement of the earth, the psalmist writes, "the earth shakes" The psalmist also says that in the midst of this, God is our refuge and strength. That is why the psalmist writes, "therefore we will not fear."

The promise of God is that when the ground beneath us shakes, he is with us. He is a very present help in times of trouble.

**Thought For Today:** Is the ground beneath you shaking? Are you facing a time of trial and testing? Remember God is your refuge and strength, a very present help in the midst of your troubles.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Praise God that he is omnipresent, a very present help in times of trouble. Continue to pray for those in need of God's comfort and healing. Deo Volente.

I'll be leaving today for the burial service and Celebration of Life for Patrick Wong this weekend. After the service I will be on Study leave for one week. My next devotional will be on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>. God Bless!!