

## Change is Here - March 16, 2022

Our world is being turned upside-down. If you need some evidence, just watch the national and local news for one day. There are myriads of life-changing events to pick from: war, political unrest, violence, the rising prices of our daily needs, division everywhere. Every single one of these matters affects us personally. But may I suggest that the change for us does not come from the outside in, but from the inside?

Let's dig deeper. We are being shaken. The body of Christ is being shaken: individually, in local congregations, and as the big "C" corporate Church.

What will fall off of us and what will we cling to?  
Will our personal relationship and trust in God prevail?  
Are we laying our lives out before our Maker and letting go of our self-appointed plans?  
Are we ready to receive and follow His instructions?

Here is comfort and direction for us from God's Word,

Psalm 46 (Message)

1-3 God is a safe place to hide,  
ready to help when we need him.  
We stand fearless at the cliff-edge of doom,  
courageous in seastorm and earthquake,  
Before the rush and roar of oceans,  
the tremors that shift mountains.  
Jacob-wrestling God fights for us,  
God-of-Angel-Armies protects us.

4-6

River fountains splash joy, cooling God's city,  
this sacred haunt of the Most High.  
God lives here, the streets are safe,  
God at your service from crack of dawn.  
Godless nations rant and rave, kings and kingdoms threaten,  
but Earth does anything he says.

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8-10

Attention, all! See the marvels of God!  
He plants flowers and trees all over the earth,  
Bans war from pole to pole,

breaks all the weapons across his knee.  
“Step out of the traffic! Take a long,  
loving look at me, your High God,  
above politics, above everything.”

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It's time to make some very personal decisions. It may cost us more than we are willing to pay if we rely on our feelings, what we think is right, or heresay. Have we as individuals asked God what He wants? Are we personally waiting and listening for His response?

Let's "step out of traffic" and "take a long loving look" at our High God, Jehovah Tzva'ot - The Lord of Hosts. Without the God-of-Angel-Armies on our side, we are lost.

But with Him, oh, with Him! Such joy in the midst of turmoil.

Change isn't comfortable, it's uncomfortable and most of the time unwelcomed. That's a fact. Look at all the mostly painful changes our physical bodies go through from birth til death. In Jesus, we are safe and secure during these life-altering events. We have the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the living Word of God. He NEVER CHANGES!

Remember, we are not designed to go through life alone. As His people, we are to help and encourage each other daily.

Take courage, brothers and sisters. The God-of-Angel-Armies is on our side. It is not our fight! He is fighting our battles and has already won the victory. Stand still and know that He is God. He will give us the wisdom and reveal our next steps as we seek His face.

Your sister in Christ,  
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