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LaD389 er-meeting Saturday Evening, 16th Aug: 1969 at Ebenezer Chapel,
Clapham.

Opening Hymn No.924:- "Great Rock, for weary sinners made,"

1st Reading:- Psalm 46.

Address by Pastor:-

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GOSPEL STANDARD BAPTISTS

This familiar Psalm is a very precious one and I would like to mention three points which occur in it.

The first is WHAT GOD IS! We are told here, that He is "Our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."(v.1.) God is a holy God He is just, He is almighty and there are many other attributes that pertain to Him, but that which can be rightly felt and be confirming to you is what He is to His people as their Refuge and strength, and this, in times of trouble. When it is very graciously felt, it inspires a great confidence that appears to lift one above all earthly conditions, however extreme they may be, and enables the soul to repose in God. This refuge is so needful to us because of the storms, the tempests, the sin, the dangers and the many things that expose us to injury. He is a wonderful refuge. He is said to be this as the "Eternal God". "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

The second point I would mention is WHERE HE IS. Verse 5 we read "God is in the midst of her," that is the Church, and this is what is her strength, her comfort, her peace and her joy. "God is in the MIDST of her," - not at some distance - . In Psalm 9 v.11 we are told that the Lord " Dwelleth in Zion," - that is His habitation. It is true that a particular sense of His presence, experimentally felt, may not be often with us, but the truth remains that often the Lord's dear people feel the comfort and strength of this in times of particular need. Unto this Church here, the streams of the river of eternal life flow freely. The streams of this river in a gospel sense indicate the blessings of the gospel in the experience of His people when the streams of this river flow to gladden the heart of man,

The Psalmist appears to come a little closer in verse 7 for he says:- "The LORD of hosts is with us;" " WITH US" We have no reason to question His presence in the Church for He is said to "Be unto her a wall of fire round about. and (will be) the glory in the midst of her." It is great when we can feel He is with us in our assemblies, in our worship, in our experience, our afflictions, our difficulties. This is the word here

"The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

The third point is the timely exhortation in the light of this:
"Be still, and know that I am God:" When we consider What God is and Where He is, as expressed in this Psalm, a right feeling of that can be conducive to a quietness, a rest, a stillness, a confidence and a strength to us; so, when the streams of that river flow into a poor sinner's heart he is refreshed, renewed, strengthened. It would seem, according to this, that "To be still and know that I am God" would indicate that the stillness is necessary unto a knowledge of God in this particular aspect. A knowledge of Him in this comforting sense as our refuge and as the source of our supplies and our needs, is known when one can be "STILL".

I know it is very solemn, but it is very sacred when we can, as it were, lie at His feet with no quarrel, no resentment, no rebellion, but just a falling into His hands, and being "STILL"; - not only to know that He is God, but that He is OUR God, and that He is with us.

May we often be favoured to feel this.

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2nd Reading:- Psalm 61.

Prayers:- Mr. R. West.

Mr. Philip Brunker + Hymn No.4. "Keep silence all created things "

Mr. Allen.

Pastor in conclusion.
