

**VISION PROBLEMS: MACULAR DEGENERATION***John 11:45-53; 19:12-15; Psalm 46*

The rise of Jesus' popularity threatened the world of the Jewish religious leaders. As a result they were unable to see Jesus as God in the flesh right in front of them. They suffered from spiritual macular degeneration.

**Living in chaotic times.**

**Dealing with spiritual macular degeneration. When chaos is all around you and seemingly out of control:**

1. Remind yourself that **GOD** is in **CONTROL**.

*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46.1*

2. Don't join in the **CHAOS** ...

*"Stop fighting, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth."*

Psalm 46.10 CSB

3. ... but **TRUST** in **GOD** by focusing on **CHRIST**.

*And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.*

Hebrews 12.1-2

**Psalm 46**

**LEADER:** God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble. (v 1)

**ALL:** **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.** (v 2-3)

**LEADER:** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells. (v 4)

**ALL:** **God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.** (v 5)

**LEADER:** Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts. (v 6)

**ALL:** **The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.** (v 7)

**LEADER:** Come and see what the LORD has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth. (v 8)

**ALL:** **He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.** (v 9)

**LEADER:** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth." (v 10)

**ALL:** **The LORD Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.** (v 11)

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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