

Jesus: Refuge and Strength
Psalm 46:1-11

- I. A Clear Pattern of Hebrew Poetry
 - A. Hebrew poetry is often set to a structure known as chiasm
 - 1. ABBA
 - 2. It is a pattern of inverted or reverse repetition
 - B. It can be seen clearly in this Psalm
 - 1. A – Strength (verse 1)
 - 2. B – Don't fear (verse 2)
 - 3. C – Catastrophe (verse 3)
 - 4. D – Work of God, victory over opposition (verse 4-6)
 - 5. A – Strength (verse 7)
 - 6. D – Work of God, victory over opposition (verse 8)
 - 7. C – Catastrophe (verse 9)
 - 8. B – Don't fear (verse 10)
 - 9. A – Strength (verse 11)
- II. Allowing The Structure To Educate Us
 - A. God is our strength
 - B. As such, we should not fear
 - C. Regardless of the severity of our circumstances
 - D. Because God is at work and has victory over His enemies
- III. Jesus As Fulfillment
 - A. The Christian call to live a Psalm 46 life
 - B. Romans 8:15-39