

# Bible Way Church

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SERMON TWO:

## “Take Time to Know Your God”

Psalm 46:1, 10, 11 (NKJV)

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- Many professionals who study the behavior patterns of humans will tell you that the success of most relationships often depend on how well those involved in the relationship know each other; not just knowing about someone or certain facts concerning them, but knowing them in an up-close and personal way.
- Knowing someone in this manner includes knowing things that most casual observers or so called friends would not know.
- However, the key to knowing anyone in such an up-close and personal way is *time*. It takes time to know someone personally.
- Time is one of the most precious gifts that God has given to mankind.
- What you do with your time, and who you choose to spend it with, is very important to your happiness, as well as to your destiny.
- Just as time is significant to the success of our personal relationships, it is also significant to a meaningful, successful relationship with God.
- Knowing God involves more than just memorizing facts about Him, or being able to quote things He said in the Holy Scriptures; knowing God involves worship.
- In his book, *Knowing God*, noted author, J.I. Packer writes, “Those who know God have great contentment in God”.
- Nothing pleases God the same as it does when we as believers make an effort to know Him in a special way. The same manner in which a child desires to spend time with their parents.

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- Look at our scriptural text in Psalm 46 and see what it tells us about knowing God as it relates to worship.
- Our text is one of the many psalms of worship found throughout the Old Testament.
- Some scholars believe that this psalm was written by a group of praise and worship leaders called the Sons of Korah as they returned from Babylonian captivity.
- Dr. J. Vernon McGee describes verses one through three as, "The sufficiency of God." Verse one states, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble".
- Verse seven of our text refers to the importance of the presence of God. It reads, "The Lord of host is with us".
- True worship always recognizes the importance of reverencing the presence of God.
- Finally in verse ten, we are invited to worship God in a very personal and unique way.
- The psalmists admonish us to slow down and take time to know God in the spirit of worship.
- In his commentary on verse ten, Dr. Adam Clarke writes these most profound words, "*Cease from your labor for a season that ye may deeply reflect on the severity and goodness of God.*"
- When we get to know God in such a manner it changes our lives forever.
- Things we once thought were so very important just do not seem that important any longer.
- People we once thought we could not live without just do not seem to matter as much.
- And finally, situations we thought would destroy us no longer worry us.
- When someone asks you, "Why not?" simply tell them, "Because I know my God!"
- Daniel 11:32 reads, "...but the people who know their God shall be strong, and do great exploits."