

REAL. PRESENT. GOD. – “REAL” (Psalm 46:1)

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Psalm 46:1 sets the stage for our next few weeks. In this short verse we encounter our Real. Present. God. Today we will focus on the first of those three: “Real.” We understand something to be “real” if it is physical, earthly, tangible and actual. This life that we live is real - not fiction and not fantasy. But also, we desire and need “real” relationships - ones that are authentic, candid, honest, frank and vulnerable. We certainly seek that with each other, but especially with our Real. Present. God!

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble

– Psalm 46:1 (ESV)

Our God _____!

Genesis 1, Luke 2, John 1, Acts 17

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth – John 1:14

The story _____ the Psalm.

Isaiah 36-37

We are real _____ with real _____.

Psalm 46:1-3

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea – Psalm 46:2

Real life is _____.

John 16:33, Romans 8:18

Because Jesus is real _____.

John 11:1-37, 1 Peter 5:5-11, Isaiah 53:4-5, Matthew 11:28-30

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept.

– John 11:33-35

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you – 1 Peter 5:7

May we tell others of our Real. Present. God.

Questions for individual or group reflection:

Discuss with someone the arguments for & against the existence of God.

Which is weightier to you?

Is the existence of God a settled issue in your mind?

Why is the fact that God is real important?

Do you find the Psalms comforting? Relevant? Why?

What real problems are you facing right now?

What does God say about those problems?

How does the incarnation of Jesus support the reality of God?

How does Jesus being God in the flesh – truly human – allow you to be truly human?

How does Christ’s divinity rescue you from your humanity?

Read Acts 17, how would you describe God to an unbeliever?

Read Romans 8, how would you describe God’s hope to a hopeless or lost person?



Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you that you have revealed yourself to us, both in your magnificent creation and in your Holy Word. But especially Lord, thank you for revealing yourself to us as God in the flesh through Jesus Christ. Help me to settle the question of your real existence and simply to trust in you for all things. Cause me to find hope in your promises – not just in life eternal, but life in the here and now because you are not only real, but you are present with me. Lord, since you are God and are powerful over all things, help me to cast my anxiety on you and to trust you with my broken, messy, sinful, and real life! Transform me with your love so that I can bring your real love and real hope to those around me. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Do: Live life differently because you KNOW God is Real. Present. and God!

Memory Verse: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble*
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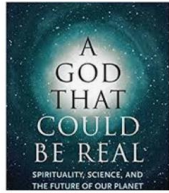


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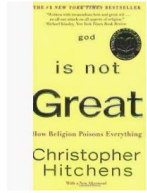
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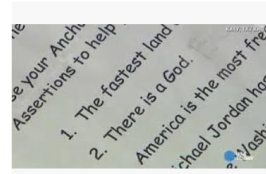
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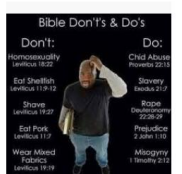
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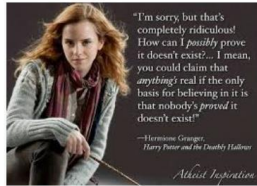
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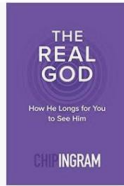
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The problem is that as a culture we like to debate more than we like to just “be” ...

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The story behind the Psalm

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*¹ God is our refuge and strength,
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*² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give
way and the mountains fall into the
heart of the sea,*

*³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*

- Psalm 46:1-3



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Isaiah 36 - 37

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We are real people with real problems

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Real life is broken & messy.

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“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

- John 16:33

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*I consider that our present sufferings
are not worth comparing with the glory
that will be revealed in us.*

– Romans 8:18

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Because Jesus is real, I can be real.

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