

# SERMON NOTES



## Exalted Among The Nations

### Psalm 46:10

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#### INTRODUCTION:

*"Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."*  
(Psalms 46:10)

#### First: God's Promise (Psalms 46:1-11)

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea... The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold."*

*"And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, 'Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob...' And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war." (Micah 4:1-3)*

*"Now it will come about that in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations will stream to it. And many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and that we may walk in His paths.' For the law will go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem... For the LORD of hosts will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is proud and lofty and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be abased... The pride of man will be humbled and the loftiness of men will be abased; and the LORD alone will be exalted in that day..." (Isaiah 2:1-3, 12,17)*

#### Second: God's Plan

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:13-16)*

*"For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..."*  
(Romans 8:29a)

*“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image...” (2 Corinthians 3:18)*

*“Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him...” (1 John 3:2)*

*“If you Christians were like Jesus Christ, India would be at your feet.” Hindu Professor*

*“If Christians were truly Christians like Christ there would be no Islam.” Muslim*

*“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” (Matthew 28:18-20)*

*“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”*

*“Go make disciples of all the nations...”*

While Jesus builds His Church... He uses us in the process. We must continue to *“make disciples”* as long as there are still *“nations”* that are not yet reached.

*“...baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;”*

*“Make disciples”* is the main verb in this passage and the primary command in this *Great Commission*.

*“If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.” (John 8:31)*

The first part of this command is *“baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”*

The second part of this command is *“teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...”*

*“...I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”*

Jesus Himself is committed to those who are committed to do their part to bring about that glorious day when Jesus Christ is finally and forever...

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