

Background Scriptures: Psalms 47; 93

Print Passage: Psalm 93:1-5



L7 Peace as Praise

REFLECT



Dave and Ashley were going on a beach road trip for spring break. They wanted to visit as many beaches along the east coast as possible over the next few days. Dave liked to take the fast route, while Ashley enjoyed the scenic rural roads, which are slow-paced. On their way, Dave said, "If we travel by interstate, we can be at the next beach in an hour." Ashley disliked his idea and suggested something else: "How about we travel through the countryside and view God's beautiful nature? It would only make our trip fifteen minutes longer." David sighed, but agreed to take the scenic route.

As they traveled, a traffic alert appeared on Ashley's phone. "Oh my gosh!" she said. "What is it?" David asked. Ashley responded, "Dave, there's been a ten-car pileup on the interstate—on the same route that we almost took! A tragic accident occurred, and many

are dead and some injured." Dave and Ashley both immediately began to thank God for His protection. Dave parked the car off the highway to pray. He and Ashley held hands as he prayed. "Dear heavenly Father, thank You so much for Your traveling mercy. We thank You, God, for protecting us. We could have easily been on that interstate or a part of that deadly accident, but You gave us a different route. We thank You! We also pray for all the people involved in that tragic accident. May You comfort the grieving families of those deceased and provide total healing and recovery to those injured. God, You are Lord of all. We place our trust in You. We give You all the praise, honor, and glory. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen!"

Dave hugged Ashley as she cried. "Dave, God just saved our lives. I'm grateful for just being here. Life is a precious gift and should never be taken for granted. My heart breaks for all those families. May God be with them all," she said. Dave replied, "Ashley, thank you for suggesting the scenic route. I now see the blessing of observing the beautiful scenery as we drive. God's majestic nature views are peaceful and soothing to the soul."



The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. (Psalm 93:1)



Psalm 93:1-5

1 The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength; indeed, the world is established, firm and secure. **2** Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity. **3** The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. **4** Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty. **5** Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.



INTERSECT

THIS BIBLE PASSAGE DECLARES GOD'S MAJESTY. God is the majestic King! He reigns with supreme authority and dominion. The Lord has magnificent strength. He created the world with His divine power. His kingdom is everlasting! God's throne has existed from the very beginning. The Lord is from all eternity.

The seas speak of His majestic grandeur! The waters lift their voice with pounding waves. The ocean breakers are powerful and loud. The Lord is mighty! He sits above and controls the seas with great sovereignty. *Lord, Your laws stand firm for eternity. Holiness adorns Your house forever.*



Inside Out



Respond to the questions below on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Who can restore order and peace amid chaos?
2. How does your life reflect the goodness of God?
3. Does your praise to God bring you peace?





THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!

Consider how God's majesty restores peace. Work to establish peace as praise to God. Do you value peace? What does peace look like to you? As Christians, how can we work to restore peace in our homes, schools, and churches?



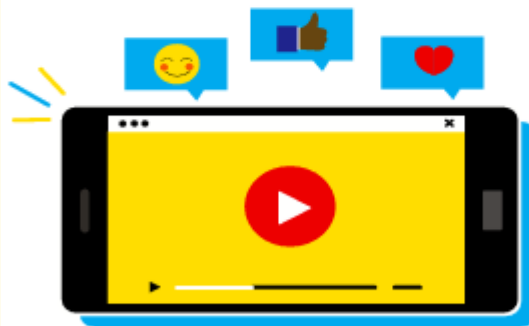
STEPPING OUT!

God is our refuge in times of trouble. He is our shield of protection, our mighty defender. During challenging times, learn to look for signs of God's gracious protection against the "floods" of life and feel His presence. Signs of God's grace and provision can come through Scripture, people, places, and events. Do you have discernment and recognize signs from God? Can you feel the presence of God around you? Praise God for His provision and protection.



CONNECT

God created the world with sovereign power. He is the divine King who sits upon His eternal throne! God is mighty and great! Have you ever experienced God's greatness? Write a poem to God. Use words and phrases from Psalm 93 to describe God's majesty.



MEDIA MISSION

Search online for videos that provide more information about Psalm 47. After viewing one or more that you find, make a note of something that you learned in the video(s) and share it with the class.