

# GETTING STILL IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

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## **Text: Psalm 46 NIV**

Waiting on God can be difficult at times when we feel stressed and overwhelmed, but consider the *benefits* of being willing to be still in the presence of God.

**I. IN THE STILLNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IT IS EASIER TO CALM OUR MINDS.**

**II. IN THE STILLNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IT IS EASIER TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE.**

**III. IN THE STILLNESS OF GOD'S PRESENCE IT IS EASIER IT IS EASIER TO KNOW GOD.**

## **CONCLUSION**

A friend of mine who works overseas related a story of a hardheaded woman she encountered on one of her journeys that took her through India. She writes, "On the way back on the metro when a lady dressed in traditional India sarong was going to get on the metro and a policeman on the platform tried to stop her. She gave a brief arguing comment and hopped on. At the moment she hopped on the doors closed. They closed on her dress and cut her toddler son off from being able to board with her. The police officer had known that the signal for the doors had already rang and they wouldn't make it but she wouldn't listen. The metro is automatic and there is no way to re-open the doors. "What do I do? What should I do?", she asked the fellow riders. She stood there looking at her son on the other side of the door. The police officer motioned that he would take the child and bring him to her on the next train. At the next stop she got out and started going up the exit. Another rider called after her to wait and the policeman would bring the child to her. She thanked the lady, paused, and headed up the stairs saying she was going to go back. I don't know if she ever connected with her child. I took the lesson that sometimes you need to listen to those around you and just stand still.

Obviously, the woman and her child would have benefited from listening to the person placed at the subway station for her safety, but she refused to wait, listen and be still. How often do we find ourselves in a similar situation because we do not wait, listen and remain still in the presence of God?