

## **“THEREFORE”**

The word "*therefore*" is an adverb that means "as a consequence," "as a result," "for that reason," or "hence." Its intent is to show that something happens because of something else. We've all heard the phrase, "I think, *therefore* I exist."

The word "*therefore*" is often used by the authors of the books of the Bible and its use is intended to express an outcome God is going to bring about or an application He desires in our walk with Him. When we come across the word "*therefore*" in our reading and study of the God's Word, we need to be aware of what was written before the word "*therefore*" so we can follow what is said after the "*therefore*." When we come upon the word "*therefore*" we need to prepare our hearts and minds to what God, through His Holy Spirit, has to teach and instruct us.

In Psalms 46:1-3 David writes, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." And then David writes the word, "*therefore*." "Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and the mountains slip into the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its swelling pride." (NASB).

Regardless of the troubles besetting us and the church today, we know God is our refuge and strength and *therefore* there is no occurrence in this world we are to fear, because we are kept by God through Jesus Christ. Praise God!