

PSALM 11 – Faith in the LORD’s Righteousness!

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NO LONGER A SLAVE TO FEAR – Bethel Music; Jonathan David & Melissa Helser (4:08)

You unravel me, with a melody, You surround me with a song. Of deliverance, from my enemies, till all my fears have gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God. I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God.

From my mother's womb, You have chosen me. Love has called my name. I've been born again, into a family, Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear. I am a child of God. (4X); Whoa, whoa (4X)

You split the sea so I could walk right through it. My fears were drowned in perfect love. You rescued me so I could stand and say. I am a child of God.

You split the sea so I could walk right through it. You drowned my fears in perfect love. You rescued me so I could stand and say, I am a child of God. I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

Psalm 11 – A psalm of David and the time of the writing of the psalm is thought to be by some when David was being pursued by Saul and was fleeing throughout the wilderness areas as David himself described that Saul had pursued him like a partridge over the mountain. Like he was hunting a bird of prey and so he was fleeing like a partridge from the hand of Saul. There are others who believe that this psalm was written at the time of Absalom's rebellion. When David was forced out of Jerusalem because of the armies of Absalom that were marching out from Hebron. You can make up your mind which of the commentators you think is right. David begins by making a declaration.

PSALM 11 - The Lord Is in His Holy Temple – The Song of the Steadfast - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

Verses 1-3 David describes the temptation with which he was assailed.

Psa 11:1 *In the LORD I put my trust* (I have sought refuge); *How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"?*

- David asks what can the righteous do? The first thing in verse one – flee as a bird to the mountain. Run for your life..
- But David thinks that is beneath him, so he cries out to the LORD – I will put my trust in You!
- Even during the attack, even while the foundations are being attacked, I'm going to keep my trust in the LORD and I'm not going to fear in the face of this!

Psa 11:2 *For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly* (a moonless night in the dark) *at the upright in heart.*

- The wicked have become so bold that they are not limited in any way by the righteous, but they have turned now to the persecuting of the righteous.

Psa 11:3 *If the (righteous) foundations are destroyed* (torn down), *What can the righteous do?*

- This Psalm answers the question, what are the righteous to do when the wicked become so strong that they begin to destroy the Godly foundation of the nation? The Godly foundation that made the nation great, for all the flaws of the nation?
- We recognize that the nation we're living in. There is an assault against the Godly foundation of this nation. And the assault is not going well for the righteous. There is this strong coming up against that Godly foundation of our nation and other nations as well.
- **Pro 14:34** *Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.*
- No nations will rise above the character of its citizens, because it's made up of its citizens. It's righteousness in its people that exalts a nation!
- Sin is a reproach. It will undermine and destroy even the greatest nation in the world and has been proven true in thousands of years of human history.
- Today it's much the other way. Sin exalts a nation and that righteousness is a reproach to any people!
- The wicked can't build anything lasting on their own because there is not future or stability in wickedness! What do they do? They are forced to take over something that they want that has been built historically by the righteous. But what they don't realize is the moment they take it over, they will destroy it because the foundation is righteousness.

Verses 4-7, the arguments by which his courage was sustained.

Psa 11:4 *The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.*

- God is in heaven! The wicked are not in heaven! They have high positions on the earth, but they haven't yet taken the throne of God!

- The LORD is in His holy temple! His throne is in heaven! David recognized for all the problems they have in the world, we have a friend in high places. He recognizes the wicked have not taken over and will never take over the only piece of real estate in all of creation that matters – and that’s the throne of God! They can take over everything but the throne of God! He can still whip them with one hand behind His back!
- The One, who is on that throne, is the One that has power and will ultimately prevail! Our God is on that throne!

Psa 11:5 The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

Psa 11:6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.

- ***Fire and brimstone and a burning wind*** – David is probably referring to Sodom and Gomorrah, where there was tremendous wickedness in those cities. God destroyed them in one day!
- We never lose heart in this battle between good and bad, that we’re in the middle of, because anything can change in a day. It just depends on what does God want to do today for His purposes!

Psa 11:7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

- The whole world can change in a day for the LORD is righteous! He loves righteousness! His countenance beholds (sees) the upright.

SUMMARY:

- Psalm 11 is a great Psalm to read after reading the news of the world each day!
- It reminds us the future of the righteous is filled with blessing. The future of the wicked is filled with judgment. God is going to make sure of it! Even when the wickedness becomes so great, only God can make sure of it!
- We’ve been called for such a time as this! We were made for today! For this time in human history, these circumstances that we face! It’s no accident that we’re here today. We have been made for this battle – to be salt and light in the middle of the mess we find ourselves in! Not just here is our nation, but in the whole wide world.
- We’re on the right side of things and are to remain righteous in the middle of all of this, is what David is telling us to do. God notices our righteous life. It blesses Him, even if it’s lightly esteemed by the wicked around us. The future is always with the righteous. God promises there is no future with the wicked! God is in control. I put my trust in Him!
- Recognizing this, Psalm 11 is sort of a rebuke that can fill our hearts as the righteous in a world where wickedness seems to be prevailing now. Fear is a dangerous thing and is very contagious. It’s amazing how quickly we believe something that scares us! Remember God is still on the throne!

OUR GOD REIGNS – Leonard Smith - Gaither

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him Who brings good news, good news, Announcing peace proclaiming News of happiness. Our God reigns our God reigns!

Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

Out of the tomb He came With grace and majesty; He is alive, He is alive. God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side. Yes we know He is alive. [Chorus]

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