

Series: Pathway Through the Psalms

IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED PSALMS 11

Text: Psalms 11:3

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³ *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*

Introduction:

1. DAVID'S FLIGHT

Psalm 11:1-2

¹ ***In the LORD put I my trust:*** *how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?* ² *For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.*

Note:

A. David's Resolve in the Almighty

His trust in the Lord

This is a constant theme for David throughout the psalms.

Psalm 20:7

⁷ *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

B. David's Rejection of the Advice

Psalm 11:1

¹ *In the LORD put I my trust: **how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?***

Many were telling David to flee or leave the palace because of the growing resentment of Saul.

They encouraged David to flee as a bird that looks for refuge in the mountains.

Note not only David's Resolve and Rejection but also:

C. David's Realization of the Enemies Aim

Psalm 11:2

² *For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.*

Saul's desire was to destroy David.

Notice not only David's Flight but also:

2. DAVID'S PLIGHT

Psalm 11:3

³ *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?*

A. Potential – If

Psalms 11:3 (KJV)

³ **If** the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

There is the possibility of this happening.

B. Peril – Foundations be destroyed

Psalms 11:3 (KJV)

³ If the **foundations be destroyed**, what can the righteous do?

- What are we counting on?
- What do we believe in?
- What are we hoping for?
- What do we trust in?

If what we are standing upon falls where can we stand?

1 Corinthians 3:11 (KJV)

¹¹ *For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

3. DAVID'S DELIGHT – (VS 4)

Psalm 11:4-7

⁴ *The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.*

A. Presence

Hebrews 13:5

⁵ *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*

Genesis 26:3

³ *Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;*

Genesis 31:3

³ *And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee.*

Exodus 3:12

¹² *And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*

Exodus 18:19

¹⁹ *Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:*

Deuteronomy 31:23

²³ *And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swear unto them: and I will be with thee.*

Joshua 1:5

⁵ *There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.*

Joshua 3:7

⁷ *And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.*

Jude 1:16

¹⁶ *These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great*

swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

1 Chronicles 28:20

²⁰ *And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.*

Isaiah 43:2

² *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*

Note not only David's Flight, Plight and Delight but lastly:

4. DAVID'S INSIGHT – (VS 5-7)

Psalm 11:5-7

⁵ *The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.* ⁶ *Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.* ⁷ *For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.*

- God tries
- God is just
- God upholds the upright

David knew that he had done nothing wrong against Saul, and although many tried to convince him to leave the courts and flee to the mountains David knew the only place he could find refuge was in the Lord.

Where can we go but to the Lord.