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# Psalm 11

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

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.

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.

The Timing  
of  
Psalm 11

Somewhere between 1 Samuel 18 (1063 bc) and 1 Samuel 31 (1056 bc).

David's friends are trying to talk him out of his Kingship assignment. They are convinced that it's not worth it if David must contend with Saul.

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

David views their comments as a serious insult to his very soul.

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**“Flee as a bird to your mountain?”**

They are literally telling David to go hide in some mountain.

Allegorically they were suggesting that David’s present place was beneath him and he should forget about Saul and move on to better things.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

David's friend continues to express his opinion of how dangerous it is for David to continue his pursuit. The enemies bow and arrow are ready and they are lurking in some private place.

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

The friend is now suggesting that even if David does become king, the situation is so far gone that there is no way he can ever fix it. Failure is the only option the friend assumes.

Their suggestion is to “FLEE, It’s not worth it.”

David’s decision is to FACE THE  
CHALLENGES AND FULFILL HIS  
ASSIGNMENT.

The Fear injected by the Friend  
is overcome by David's Faith in  
God.

## He has faith in God's Position

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.

# He has faith in God's Favor

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

God does not "hate" as man hates. When the Bible says that God hates, it means that he withholds favor  
Proverbs 6:16-19  
Romans 9: 6-13

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Theologians are not sure if this verse means that God beholds the countenance of the upright or if the upright behold the countenance of God. Most conclude that it is not an either/or but a both/and.