

## WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO COME APART

### Psalm 11

The results of the election this past Tuesday seem to have discouraged many of us. We had hoped for a better outcome, but many were elected who have a low view of life, making it even more dangerous for a baby in the womb. All issues are not of the same importance. Taxes, war, health insurance, and the environment are important in their place, but the value of human life is most important of all. It is sacred.

At such times as now, it seems like the foundations are crumbling, and everything we thought was secure is now exposed. What are God's people to do? Should we just quit? Should we hide? Run away? What can we do?

David wrote this psalm, which is a song of trust, unpacking his thoughts while facing a similar problem...while his friends urged him to leave town. Psalm 11 is faith's response to fear's counsel.

### THREE DIRECTIONS WE MUST LOOK WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE COMING APART.

In a word, we must remember that our God is still on the throne.

#### I. **We, Like David, Need To Look Out And See Our Enemies. (vv.1-3)**

Don't be naïve, there are those who oppose God and us as His children. They are for real!

- A. David begins this song with a wonderful statement of his trust in the Lord. (v.1) "I take refuge"
- B. Yet, his well-meaning friends urge him to run to the hills. In other words, "your security is in your flight."
  1. David was in desperate trouble. His enemies were real and ready to harm him.
  2. Their weapons were probably their tongues. Slander. "shoot from the shadows..."  
...this implies an underhanded activity. (v. 2)
- C. David's advisors asked the timeless question: "When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
  1. The foundations refer to the law and order of society based upon God's righteous rule.
  2. This is an example when evil triumphs over righteousness. When evil isn't suppressed.
  3. These timid friends see the situation as hopeless. What could David do?

Don't keep your eyes upon your problem...look up!!!!

**II. We, Like David, Need To Respond By Looking Up And Seeing The Sovereign God Sitting Upon His Throne. (vv 4-6)**

- A. When such times happen to us, look up and find your confidence in the Lord.
  - 1. God is in His holy temple. (v. 4)
  - 2. He is on His heavenly throne.
- B. This convinces David of several things: (vv 4b-6)
  - 1. God observes all that people do. He is not ignorant. He knows all.
  - 2. God examines the upright. (v. 5) The Lord loves the upright, and sees you as if no one else existed in the universe. (ex. Job)
  - 3. God knows the wicked and prepares His judgment for them. (vv5b-6)  
...David is thinking of God's judgment upon Sodom. (Gen 19) "fiery coals and burning..." ...He reminds himself that God's judgments do come, though delayed. However, when they come, they are utterly complete. (ex. the flood)
- C. So we need to rest in the knowledge that God reigns, even when the vote seems wrong...

**III. We, Like David, Must Look Ahead To The Day When We Will See His Face. v7**

- ...This is the day when God will reveal His face to His gathered people in glory.
- A. Never forget that God loves justice. Righteousness flows from Him. In the end it will prevail.  
...In the day when all wrongs will be righted and all wrongs judged.
  - B. Wonder of wonders...in this coming day, we will see the face of God. This is the beatific vision.
    - 1. This is what Moses asked for and was denied. (Exodus 33:22-23) "just His backside."
    - 2. Yet, this is what the upright will see. (1 John 3:1) The best is yet to come!

**LESSONS FOR OUR LIVES:**

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