

The LORD Tests the Righteous

Psalm 11

1. The LORD Is My _____ (v. 1-3)
 - a. During times of _____
 - i. Of advisors to _____ the enemy
 - ii. Of the wicked who bend the _____
 - iii. Of the wicked who shoot in the _____
 - b. During times of _____
 - i. Attacks on _____ order
 - ii. Attacks on the _____ of righteousness
2. The LORD Is My _____ (v. 4)
 - a. He is in His _____ temple.
 - b. He is enthroned in _____.
 - c. He sees _____.
 - d. His _____ will test the sons of man.
3. The LORD Is My _____ (v. 5-6)
 - a. He _____ the righteous
 - i. He _____ is righteous.
 - ii. He loves “_____.”
 - iii. He _____ Himself to the upright.
 - b. He _____ the wicked
 - i. He _____ the wicked and the violent
 - ii. He will _____ upon the wicked
 - “_____” of fire and sulphur
 - “_____” a portion of their cup

“Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the LORD, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains.”

(1 Samuel 26:20)

“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

(Matthew 10:28)

Follow-Up Questions

1. Read Nehemiah 6:10-14 (or 6:1-14 for the context). Is this passage a good parallel to the situation of Psalm 11?
 - a. What did the “friends” of Nehemiah tempt him to do? What was Nehemiah’s response?
 - b. What did David’s “friends” tempt him to do in Psalm 11? What was David’s response?
 - c. Are we tempted to compromise our faith in God for the sake of safety from the wicked? How?
 - d. How are churches today tempted to place safety (or even comfort) over faith?
2. Read Acts 9:19b-25. Is there ever a time for believers to “flee” the actions of the wicked?
 - a. What is the difference between the circumstances surrounding Psalm 11 and the situation in Acts 9? Will we always be able to tell when to stay or when to flee?
 - b. What does it really mean that the LORD is our refuge? Does this always mean physical shelter?
3. Focus on the phrase “the foundations will be laid in ruins.” This phrase seems to indicate that societal order is attacked by the wicked and is in danger of crashing down.
 - a. How would this describe the state of our own society today?
 - b. What are we encouraged to do about this? Why?
 - c. What difference does it make that God is righteous? What difference does it make that God will judge the wicked and reveal Himself to the upright?