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### Psalm 11:3

"If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?" (NASB)

"When the foundations for good collapse, what can good people do?" (NCV)

"If the foundations be destroyed, What can the righteous do?" (KJV1900)

"The standards of the society are in ruins; what, therefore, shall the people of God do?" (FRCL)

"When the foundations crumble, what shall the righteous do?"

- Psalm 11:3 (JBP)



**STUDY VERSE SECTION - Psalm 11, NASB95** -For the choir director. A Psalm of David. <sup>1</sup> In the Lord I take refuge [lit., "Lord, in you I take refuge"] How [a rebuke in the Heb. syntax meaning, "how dare you"] can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain; <sup>2</sup> For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. <sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, [a Heb. parabolic metaphor for the complete breakdown of law and order in society] What can the righteous do?" <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. <sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul! [The Heb. word, *nep-HESH*, *rf.*, the deepest part of mind, body and soul—the entire being] hates [that's not a kind word]. <sup>6</sup> Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face [reflects the practice of being admitting into His presence of the King].



## 1. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ our commitment is to.

Psalm 11:1, NASB95 - <sup>1</sup> In the Lord I take refuge...

### A. Do not flee.

Psalm 11:1, NASB95 - <sup>1</sup> ...How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain..."

### B. Do not fear.

Psalm 11:2, NASB95 - <sup>2</sup> For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

### C. Do not fret.

Psalm 11:3, GNB - <sup>3</sup> There is nothing a good person can do when everything falls apart."

For King David, it's not about the what; it's about the Who!

## 2. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ our confidence is in.

### A. God's Presence.

Psalm 11:4, NASB95 - <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven....

### B. God's Judgment.

Psalm 11:4-6, HCSB - <sup>4</sup> ...His eyes watch; He examines everyone. <sup>5</sup> The LORD examines the righteous and the wicked. He hates the lover of violence. <sup>6</sup> He will rain burning coals and sulfur on the wicked; a scorching wind will be their portion.

### C. God's Deliverance.

Psalm 11:7, HCSB - <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds. The upright will see His face.

**Our security is only found in God's Sovereignty!**

- **His Sovereignty**, v. 4 – The Lord rules from heaven.
- **His Omniscience**, v. 5 – The Lord examines everyone's deeds.
- **His Justice**, v. 6 – The Lord punishes the wicked.
- **His Righteousness**, v. 7 – The Lord reveals Himself to the righteous.

ANSWERS TO THE MESSAGE:



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1. Who (with a capital 'W')
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