

## PSALM 11

***When trouble comes, where do you turn? To whom do you go? In Psalm 121 the writer asks, "I lift up my eyes to the hill-where does my help come from?" The people of his day worshipped false gods on the hills and groves. Not to them does the psalmist rely, for "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." He was determined to trust in God. In Psalm 11 David makes the same point:***

- 1. In the Lord he took refuge ("flees for protection").**
  - a. In the long run, what is important (Heb 13:5-6/Dt 31:6)?
  - b. Trust in things that cannot save will leave us stranded (Ps 49, Prov 18:11, Lk 12:16-20).
  - c. How could they say to David, "flee like a bird" to Mt Zion, his fortified city? He trusted God. (1 Sam 17:45-47).
  - d. They were taking shots at him (pictured as shooting arrows at the upright in heart).
    - They shot from the shadows (Lit: "darkness"). How do people attack from cover? Slander, libel, hidden malice etc.
    - The foundations were being destroyed - what would the Righteous One do? (Ps 82)
- 2. God is seated on His throne - He reigns.**
  - a. NOTHING escapes His notice. He examines ("His eyes behold") humanity (Jer 17:9-10).
  - b. He examines ("tests") the righteous.
  - c. He ("His soul/breath/spirit) hates those who are wicked and love violence.
    - The wicked will receive judgment (lightning, burning sulphur).
    - A scorching (violent, raging heat) wind will be their lot (Ps 1:6).
  - d. The Lord is righteous and loves justice. Upright people will behold His face (Mtt 5:8).

**Implied in this is David's determination to rely on His Maker and wait. Is fleeing to the Lord copping out? Well, it is better than trusting in humanity (Ps 118:9).**

**When our world falls apart, what always remains constant (Ps 46:1-7).**