

A Stable Heart in an Unstable World

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Getting Started: Where did you run for safety/security/protection as a child?

Digging In: What council is David receiving (Ps 11:1-3)? Why is David able to emphatically say, "In the LORD, I take refuge"? How does David respond to this advice (Ps 11:4-6)? See 1 Sam 19:1, 10 to consider some of the dangers David might have been facing. Make a list of the truths about God that David rehearses in Ps 11. How does David affirm that God is in control of all situations? What insight do the following verses: Prv 17:3; Zech 13:9, give concerning God's testing/examining of the sons of men? What insight do the following verses: Is 30:33; 34:8-9; Eze 38:22-23; Rev 14:9-10; 19:20; 20:10; 21:8, give concerning God's judgment mentioned in Ps 11:6? What promise is given to the righteous in Ps 11:7? Why?

Living It Out: What events of this world make you aware of how fragile this world is? What do the following verses: Rom 8:22; 1 Cor 7:31; Heb 12:25-28, say about the current and future state of the world? How do you feel when things seem out of control, problems seem overlooked, and/or injustice and sin go unjudged? David's thinking about God influenced His emotions and responses to an unstable world. Do you believe that your thinking about God can influence your emotions and responses to an unstable world? Why? Pick one thing about God from Ps 11 that you will think about when you become aware of how unstable this world is.

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your mountain;

²For, behold, the wicked bend the bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the string
To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

³If the foundations are destroyed,
What can the righteous do?"

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throne is in heaven;

His eyes see, His eyes examine all people.

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