

What Can the Righteous Do (Psalm 11)

- Psalm 11 contains a response to fear's counsel. There is danger from enemies
- Many are saying to him flee to the mountains but David's refuge is his God
- Despairing question: if the foundations are destroyed what can the righteous do
- What shall we do when the Bible is undermined, when the Gospel is rejected?
- Where even the church is toning down its message and giving into secularism
- Some counsel us to run to the hills and hide away, David counsels: trust God

I. What Shall We Do?

- We don't know what this particular crisis in David's life was but note verse 3
 "if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
- It's an important question because the righteous has asked it many times
- It is also important because a good answer is hard to find in this world
- In righteous times, the righteous appeal to law and strong civil government
- But in times where chaos rules and reigns and law means nothing, what then?
- What can the righteous do in times like this? They can go on being righteous

II. Where Should We Look?

- The real question is to whom shall the righteous look? The answer: to the Lord
- When all are looking downward and becoming increasingly wicked we look up
- David says, I look upward, where is God? in His holy temple on His throne (4)
- David thinks not of a physical temple, but heaven where God looks upon men
- David looks upon God in His holy temple as a moral standard not just a judge
- The Lord's "throne is in heaven" David looks to God to render just judgment
- God *observes* everyone "His eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man."
- God *examines* the upright (5) The LORD tests the righteous – similar to eyes
- God not only sees what people do, but He also pronounces a verdict on them
- God prepares His judgment for the wicked, while they shoot at the righteous

III. Where Will We Be?

- David looked at the wicked, he looked at God, now he looks to the future
- Vs 7 makes it clear, the righteous will one day see the very face of God
- God will judge the wicked and cast them into eternal damnation and fire (v.7)
- We will see the very face of God, we will be with Jesus where He is (1 Jhn 3:2)