

# Psalm 011 - Confident Trust in God

## Psalm 11

[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]

### Confident Trust in God

1 In the LORD I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "**Flee** as a bird to your mountain?

1 In the LORD I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain;

1 I take refuge in the LORD. So how can you say to me, "Flee like a bird to the mountains."?

1 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

- "...Flee" - plural, referring to David and his court

— His advisors told him to flee (as a bird), but he refused. They lacked faith that God would see him through.

2 "For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They have set their arrow on the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

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

2 Look, the wicked have bent their bow and placed their arrow on the string, to shoot from the darkness at the upright in heart.

2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.

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

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3 When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

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4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes see, His eyelids **test** the sons of mankind.

4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.

4 The LORD is in his holy Temple; the LORD's throne is in the heavens. His eyes see, his glance examines humanity.

4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

- "...test" - testing metals by fire. Our trials work for us, not against us (1 Cor 4:7-18).

5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And His soul hates one who loves violence.

5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates.

5 The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked and those who love violence, he hates.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.

6 He will rain coals of fire upon the wicked, And brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

6 Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup.

6 He rains on the wicked burning coals and sulfur; a scorching wind is their destiny.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will **see His face**.

7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.

7 Indeed, the LORD is righteous; he loves righteousness; the upright will see him face-to-face.

7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

- "...see His face" - implies access (Num 6:22-27)