

# HE IS ON HIS THRONE

When the foundations of your life begin to crack, what can one person do? Psalm 11 is about trust and written at some point in David's life when he was in danger. He had friends advising him to seek safety in fleeing. From whom he is to "run away," the text does not reveal. Perhaps from Saul or Absalom, but either would seem to fit the situation.



Who made a riddle about a lion?

The Psalm is about the Lord being man's refuge and defense. God is Ruler of all! The "key" is found in verse 4. The Lord is Ruler of all (both the righteous and the wicked).

## Faith and Fear (1-3)

The first line sets the tone for the entire Psalm. David's faith and trust shine through from the very beginning. The reason for his confidence—the Lord is in His holy temple, on His throne, in Heaven (v.4)! The last line of the first verse is the advice his friends give. It is based on fear. Verses 2-3 detail reasons they gave the counsel to David that they did...

- First, the enemies are preparing to attack.
- Second, the "foundations destroyed" would be all that is opposite of the righteous. In their mind there was nothing substantial that David could appeal to for safety. So, they thought he should flee. They were forgetting an essential attribute of the Lord.

## Lord and Loyalty (4-7)

David remembered—the Lord is the Ruler of all! Because of this foundational truth, David had four reasons to remain loyal and faithful to the Lord.

- The Lord sees. God knows and examines every situation. He knows when we are in danger and when we need Him. He knows when we display faith in Him.
- The Lord uses "trying times" to prove who will be loyal and who will be wicked.
- Based on this, the Lord will punish those who oppose Him and His servant.
- The Lord will reward those who remain loyal to Him and who "run" to Him.

Note the parallelism in verse four. The Lord is in His holy temple, and that throne is in

Heaven. As long as He is there, we do not have to be afraid or feel alone. The Psalms help us to turn to Him through prayer. Rather than "run" from trouble, we can "run" to the Almighty, pour out our hearts to Him. Our Lord knows and He rules!



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**VBS "Heroes of Faith!"**  
Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from  
8:45am to 1:00pm  
Please register children  
who plan to attend—  
Thanks!

**To all our visitors:** *Please feel free to participate!*

You should expect to hear singing with voices only, a few "family" announcements, prayers spoken, and see the Lord's Supper offered, then free-willed giving, and gospel preaching from the Bible.

Any response is up to you and will be kindly received.

We are glad you decided to worship God with us on this first day of the week!

**Bday/Anniv Lunch:** On the second Sunday in June.

**Friday Bible Study:** from 7 to 8 PM!

**VBS:** Meeting after services this morning. Please attend.