

PSA11 - NOTES

Background:

1. Written by David.
2. Psalm 11 is a God/Jehovah Psalm. It is a Trust Psalm.
3. The Psalm was written at some point in David's life when he was in danger and apparently had friends advising him to seek safety in fleeing. From whom, we do not know. Perhaps from Saul? Perhaps from Absalom? Either would seem to fit.
4. The Psalm is about Jehovah being man's refuge and defense because He is ruler of all.
5. The key to the Psalm is in v. 4 - The Lord is Ruler of all (both the righteous and the wicked).
6. Key words in this Psalm: Lord (Yahweh) 5x; Righteous 3x; Wicked 3x; Upright 2x.

VV. 1-3 - Faith and Fear

1. v. 1 - The first line sets the tone for the entire Psalm. David's Faith and Trust are clearly seen. Why the faith and trust? The Lord is in His holy temple, on His throne, in Heaven (v.4)
2. v. 1 - The last line of the Psalm is the advice his friends give, based on their Fear.
3. v. 2-3 - The reasons they gave the counsel to David that they did.
 1. v. 2 - The enemies are preparing to attack.
 2. v. 3 - The foundations destroyed is all that is good and right (truth, justice, honesty, honor, etc.). In other words, in their mind, there was nothing solid that David could appeal to for safety. So, he should flee.
4. They were forgetting the Lord was ruler of all (v. 4).
 1. **Synonymous Parallelism** = The Lord is in His Holy Temple & The Lord's throne is in Heaven

VV. 4-7 - Lord and Loyalty

1. v. 4a - What they forgot, and what David remembered, is the Lord is the Ruler of All. Because of this, David had 4 reasons to remain loyal to the Lord.
 1. v. 4b - The Lord sees. God knows and examines every situation. He knows when we are in danger and when we need Him.
 2. v. 5 - The Lord uses these trying times to see who will be loyal (their faith is built during these trials - Jms. 1:2-4), and who will choose to be an enemy of the Lord.
 3. v. 6 - Based on this (v.5), The Lord will punish those who oppose Him and His servant.
 4. v. 7 - Based on this (v. 5), The Lord will reward those who remain Loyal to Him, and flee only to Him.