

TAKING BACK AMERICA'S CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING JUSTICE TO THE NATIONS

RIVER OF LIFE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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PSALM 11

For the choir director: A psalm of David.

1 I trust in the Lord for protection.
So why do you say to me,
“Fly like a bird to the mountains for safety!

2 The wicked are stringing their bows
and fitting their arrows on the bowstrings.
They shoot from the shadows
at those whose hearts are right.

3 The foundations of law and order have
collapsed. What can the righteous do?

4 But the Lord is in his holy Temple;
the Lord still rules from heaven.
He watches everyone closely,
examining every person on earth.

5 The Lord examines both the righteous and
the wicked.
He hates those who love violence.

6 He will rain down blazing coals and burning
sulfur on the wicked,
punishing them with scorching winds.

7 For the righteous Lord loves justice.
The virtuous will see his face.— NLT 2 2

PSALM 11 – DAVID'S RESPONSE, SIX THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW

- David cries out to God – The foundations are being destroyed – What can the righteous do?
 1. The Lord is in His Holy Temple – God is still reigning over Heaven and Earth
 2. The Lord sees and knows the activity of every person on earth - He knows their thoughts and actions
 3. He is taking note of both the righteous and the wicked
 4. God's judgment will fall on the disobedient at the proper time
 - He gives all people space to repent and desires repentance rather than judgment.
 5. The wrath of God against sin and injustice will be satisfied
 6. The virtuous will see the Face of God!

TAKEAWAYS FOR US

- David's Words, "The Foundations are being destroyed, What can the righteous do?" resonate in the hearts of God's people today!
 1. Many in USA have turned away from the God of the Bible
 2. Marriage and Family is being attacked at every level
 - This is God's design (His first established covenant of order)
 - Children are a heritage from the Lord – to be nurtured and protected
 - Instead – our govt. has made marriage about sexual constellations based on any desire
 - Last December
 - Even when the people of various states including Ohio have voted to protect marriage – our leaders have worked overtime to undermine it
 - Children have been the ones to suffer most!

EVERY NATION WILL ANSWER TO GOD!

- The Jewish Scriptures tell us that EIGHT Times Israel fell into apostasy
 - Israel also experienced Spiritual and National Revival
 - Josiah's revival in 622 B.C.E was most dramatic
 - The people had forgotten the Word of God – It was rediscovered in the Temple
 - There were altars to pagan gods throughout Israel & Judea
 - The people had forgotten Adonai
 - Pagan idols (Asherah) had been set up in the Temple
 - Male and Female prostitutes served in the Temple in ungodly pagan rights
 - Children were even sacrificed to Molech

- The USA has also had times of apostasy and revival – We are in a time of falling away right now!
 - Will God judge America as He judged Israel?

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18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator— who is forever praised. Amen.

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26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

27 In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error..

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28 Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, **30** slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents;

31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy.

32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them. - NIV

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Let's summarize what this Scripture is saying:

1. Truth Suppression

- Truth suppression begins as an internal process
- A person chooses a lifestyle contrary to God's truth and suppresses everything about God
- Truth suppression becomes an external process – intolerance of anything that is from God, or His Word
- We are seeing this happen right now!

2. They Exchanged the Glory of the True God for idols

- What we are battling is a NEW RELIGION
- Our struggle in the cultural war is spiritual in nature
- Just heard that admission from Tucker Carlson – at Heritage Speech last Saturday
- Jonathan Cahn NY Times Bestseller – Return of the gods

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3. Exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones
 - This is the verse that angers the “woke crowd” and causes people to cry hate speech
 - To reject God’s truth means to reject God’s design and ways
 - Sex is no longer about marriage and family
 - Sex is taken out of the context God intended
 - It is just a constellation of humans seeking to find pleasure
 - How many genders?
 - Once the taboos accepted for generations fall – there is no end
 - There is exceleration of debaucherys
 - Respect for Marriage Acts – Drag Queens on White House Lawn?
 - Minnesota law making way for MAP’s – Minor attracted persons 11
 - Children are free game!

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4. God gave them over to a depraved mind
 - No conscience or ability to determine right from wrong
 - Worse – like Isaiah records in a season of Israel's debauchery – People will call good evil and evil good!

THE FINE LINE OF TRUTH & LOVE

1. All human beings are created in God's image and have worth in His eyes
 - God does not hate everyone who is not heterosexual
2. All human beings have a sinful nature and need God's Mercy!
3. God is not willing that any should perish
 - **Ezekiel 33:11** Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel? – ESV
 - 2 Peter 3:9 **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. - ESV
4. All People should therefore be treated with dignity
5. All Have right to Free Speech

BACK TO DAVID'S QUESTION: WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO?

1. Know that God sees and will act in His timing
2. He is watching us – Will we stand for truth?
3. Be courageous - Speak out in truth and love!
4. Be a spiritual watchman – Be a person of prayer crying out for God's intervention and warning God's people
5. Get involved with action that makes a difference
 - There will be many opportunities TODAY to learn how to make a difference and connect with those who are!



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