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*When the foundations crumble, what shall the righteous do?*

- Psalm 11:3 (JBP)



**STUDY VERSE SECTION - Psalm 11:1-7, NASB95** – *The LORD a Refuge and Defense* [not ancient], For the choir director. A Psalm of David (these words are in the original text). <sup>1</sup> In the Lord I take refuge. [lit., “**Lord, in You I take refuge**”]! How [a rebuke in the Heb. syntax meaning, “how dare you”] can you [some entity] say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain; <sup>2</sup> For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. <sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, [a Heb. parabolic metaphor for the complete breakdown of law and order in society] What can the righteous do?” <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. <sup>5</sup> The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul [The Heb. word, *nep-HESH*, *rf.*, *the deepest part of mind, body and soul—the entire being*] hates. [that’s not a kind word]. <sup>6</sup> Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face. [reflects the practice of being admitted into His presence of the King].



IF THE FOUNDATIONS  
ARE DESTROYED,  
WHAT SHALL WE DO?

## 1. Remember **Who** our Commitment is to.

Psalm 11:1, NASB95 - <sup>1</sup> In the Lord I take refuge....

### A. Do not flee.

Psalm 11:1, NASB95 - <sup>1</sup> ...How can you say to my soul, “Flee as a bird to your mountain;....

### B. Do not fear.

Psalm 11:2, NASB95 - <sup>2</sup> For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.

### C. Do not fret.

Psalm 11:3, GNB - <sup>3</sup> There is nothing a good person can do when everything falls apart.”

For King David, it’s not about the what; it’s about the Who!

## 2. Remember **Who** our Confidence is in.

### A. God’s Preeminence.

Psalm 11:4, NASB95 - <sup>4</sup> The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven....

### B. God’s Judgement.

Psalm 11:4–5, NLT - <sup>4</sup> But the LORD is in his holy Temple; the LORD still rules from heaven. He watches everyone closely, examining every person on earth. <sup>5</sup> The LORD examines both the righteous and the wicked. He hates those who love violence.

### C. God’s Deliverance.

Psalm 11:7, HCSB - <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds. The upright will see His face.

**Our security is only found in God’s sovereignty!**

- **His Sovereignty**, v. 4 – The Lord rules from heaven.
- **His Omniscience**, v. 5 – The Lord examines everyone’s deeds.
- **His Justice**, v. 6 – The Lord punishes the wicked.
- **His presence**, v. 7 – The Lord reveals Himself to the righteous.