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Which Voice Are You Listening To?
Psalm 11
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Introduction:

There are two voices everyone of us has heard: the voice of fear and the voice of faith. Which one are you listening to?

11:1) "In the Lord I take refuge" (This is the voice of faith.)

11:1b-3) (This is the voice of fear.)

I predict this obscure psalm will become hugely important to American believers very soon.

11:2) The threat is immediate; the danger is deceptive.

Is Portland a lost cause?

How are our children/grandchildren being affected?

The Bible clearly tells us where this is going to lead (2 Timothy 3:12-13).

Should we listen to the voice of fear and flee? But where do we flee?

The voice of fear: No mention of the Lord.

The voice of faith mentions the Lord in every verse.

11:4-7]

CT Studd: "Some want to live within the sound of church or chapel bell;
I want to run a rescue shop, within a yard of hell."

"When the sky is darkest, the stars shine brightest." [**Philippians 2:14-16**]

But what is the basis for such courage?

11:4a) "The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven."

11:4b-5)

11:6)

11:7)

"The upright will see his face."

Conclusion: We all hear the voice of faith and the voice of fear.

How to confront fear:

- 1. Take refuge in Jesus.**
- 2. Reject the voice of fear.**
- 3. Listen to the voice of faith.**
- 4. Struggle forward with your brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Heb 3:13

Isaiah 12:2a FOCUS ON GOD!

Discussion Questions:

1. How did God speak to you today through Psalm 11?
2. What are the voices of fear today? What voices of fear are you hearing? What are they saying?
3. List every way you can think of to hear the voice of faith and to focus on God?
4. What are some of your favorite verses that help you focus on God?