

THE BOOKS OF PSALMS





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THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' *BY BOB DYLAN*

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin' or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'

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Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who that it's namin'
For the loser now will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'

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Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
There's a battle outside and it is ragin'
It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'

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Come mothers and fathers
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand
Your sons and your daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand
For the times they are a-changin'

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The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is rapidly fadin'
And the first one now will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'

PSALM 11

THE BACKGROUND TO PSALM 11



Saul repeatedly tried to kill David (1 Samuel 18–26).



David had loyal friends who urged him to escape.



Assassins often attacked unexpectedly.



Saul's government had become increasingly corrupt.



Justice had broken down within Israel.



In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to me,
'FLEE LIKE A BIRD TO YOUR MOUNTAIN'?



PSALM 11:1



In the Lord I take refuge;
how can you say to my soul,
Flee like a bird to your mountain,
²for behold, the wicked bend the bow;
they have fitted their arrow to the string
to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;
³if the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?

PSALM 11:1-3

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In the Psalter the evil of the tongue is often metaphorically described in terms of deadly weapons such as **the sword** and **the bow and arrow**.
See 37:14; 57:4; 64:3-4; also Jeremiah 9:8.

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PSALM 11:1-3

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his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.

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but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

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PSALM 11:4-7

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PSALM 11:4-7



IN THE ANCIENT WORLD,
the head of the household
determined the cup each
guest would receive.



THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE,
God is portrayed as the
sovereign Host who assigns
every person their
rightful portion.



PSALM 11 DECLARES
that the portion of the wicked
is the cup of divine wrath.
*"Fire and sulfur and a scorching wind
shall be the portion of their cup."*

PSALM 11:6



MATTHEW 26:39
"My Father, if it be possible,
let this cup pass from me;
nevertheless, not as I will,
but as you will."



**HE TAKES THE CUP
OF JUDGMENT**
so that those who trust
in him may receive
the cup of salvation
and fellowship with God.

THE CUP WE DESERVE
WRATH AND SEPARATION



**HE TOOK
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LIVE THE TEXT

A stylized illustration featuring a central path that leads from the foreground into a gate. The gate is formed by two dark blue pillars with tan-colored bases and tops. The pillars are connected by a dark blue metal fence with vertical bars. The path is a light tan color, flanked by green grass. In the background, there are dark blue mountains and a large, bright red sun with rays emanating from it, set against a light tan sky. The overall style is flat and geometric.

PSALM 1:
THE WAY
OF THE
RIGHTEOUS

PSALM 2:
THE REIGN
OF THE
KING

1. **Refuse** to let the wicked or fear become your counselor. (Psalm 11:1)
2. **Expect** visible and invisible attacks from the wicked. (Psalm 11:2a)
3. **Stay clear** of operating from the shadows yourself. (Psalm 11:2b)
4. **Leave** vengeance to God. (Psalm 11:5-6)
5. **Remember** that all evil has an expiration date. (Psalm 11:5-6)
6. **Anchor your hope** in seeing God one day. (Psalm 11:7)

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