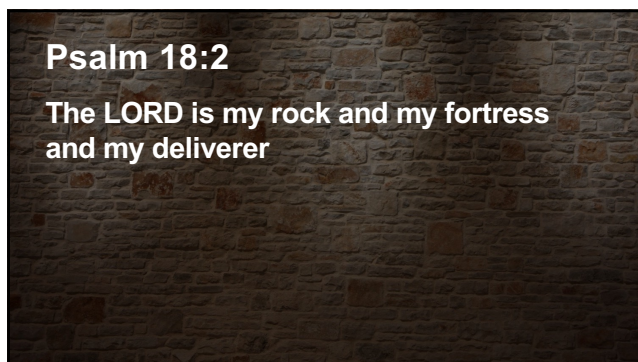




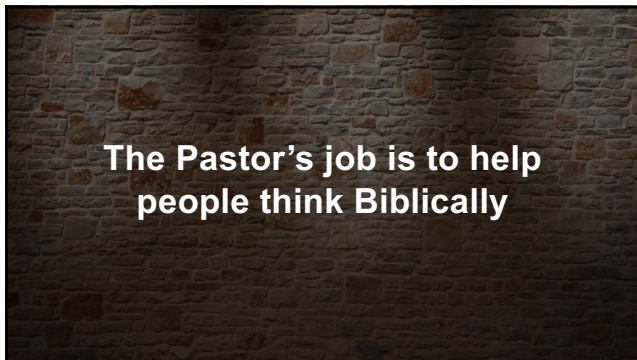
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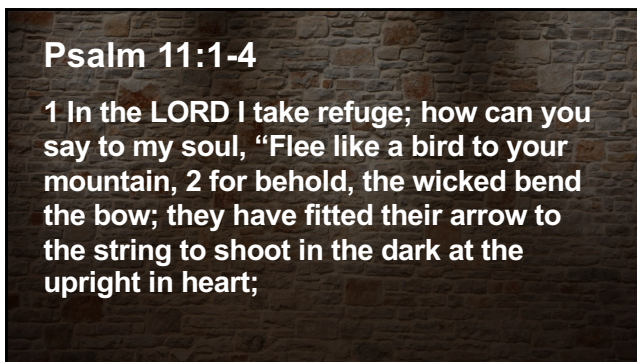
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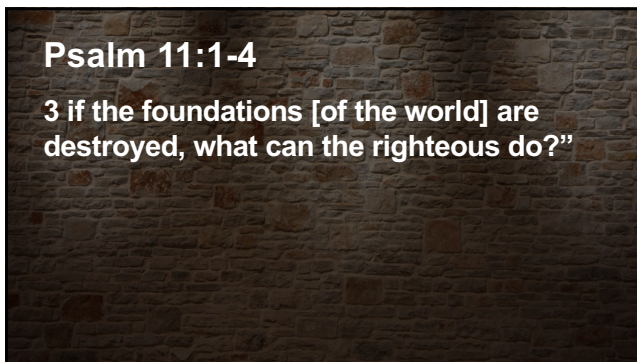
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Psalm 11:1-4

**4 The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD's throne is in heaven;
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children
of man.**

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Dokimazō

- 1. to test, examine, prove, scrutinize (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), metals**
- 2. to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy**

9

What We Should Do?

- 1. Pass this test by setting your mind on heaven with firm foundations**

10

What We Should Not Do?
1. Do not panic and make rash decisions

11

Hebrews 12:18-29
18 For you have not come to [Mount Sinai] what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest 19 and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

12

Hebrews 12:18-29
20 For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned."
21 Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear."

13

Hebrews 12:18-29

22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,

14

Hebrews 12:18-29

23 and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,

15

Hebrews 12:18-29

24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

16

Hebrews 12:18-29

25 See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven.

17

Hebrews 12:18-29

26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

18

Hebrews 12:18-29

27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain.

19

Hebrews 12:18-29

28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, **29** for our God is a consuming fire.

20

Psalm 125:1-2

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. **2** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

21

What We Should Do?

- 1.** Pass this test by setting your mind on heaven with firm foundations
- 2.** Accept that things are changing and must change. Test all change agents.

22

What We Should Not Do?

1. Do not panic and make rash decisions
2. Do not view events through the “white hats - black hats” lens

23

Lone Ranger TV show

White hat, white horse named Silver. Expert marksman, horseman, hand-to-hand combatant, and master of disguise



24

White Hats – Black Hats

In old cowboy movies, the good guys wore white cowboy hats and exhibited traits traditionally associated with heroism - honesty, bravery, and integrity. The bad guys wore black hats and were evil, cunning, and treacherous. It was easy for the viewer to know who were the good guys and the bad guys by their outfits.

25

Honest Abe's Political Philosophy

“Stand with anyone that is right; stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.”

— Abraham Lincoln

26

Jenga

Players take turns removing one block at a time from a tower constructed of 54 blocks. Each block removed is then placed on top of the tower, creating a progressively more unstable structure. The game ends when the tower falls over.



27

Test Everything and Everyone

1. What are they saying? Opposition saying?
2. What are they doing? Opposition doing?
3. What are the short term ramifications?
Long term ramifications?
4. What are the intended consequences?
Unintended consequences?
5. How long will it take to accomplish what they want to do? Is it realistic?

28

Psalm 125:1-2

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. **2** As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

29

Jude 20-21

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, **21** keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

30

What We Should Do?

- 1.** Pass this test by setting your mind on heaven with firm foundations
- 2.** Accept that things are changing and must change, Test all change agents
- 3.** Build yourself up in your faith

31

What We Should Not Do?

1. Do not panic and make rash decisions
2. Do not view events through the “white hats - black hats” lens
3. Feed off the world for comfort

32

Psalm 18:2

The LORD is my rock and my fortress
and my deliverer

33



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