

Psalms Chapter 011 Commentary

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

Ps 11:1 "In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain? 2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. 3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

No doubt there is some enemy, who is seeking to kill King David. We certainly have plenty of these moments recorded in scripture when David faced enemies, from within Israel, and from without Israel. Satan is tempting his inmost thoughts to distrust God, or his councilors are telling him to "***Flee as a bird to your mountain.***" We notice that they say, "***your mountain,***" indicating that there is a mountain place which David knows he can go hide himself. It is known as "***your mountain.***"

"For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart." The temptation before David is that the wicked have readied their bows to shoot the upright in heart, from some hiding place, which tells David there is a plot to take your life. Now, notice David's answer: "***In the LORD put I my trust.***" As we see LORD is in all caps, we know he is speaking of the supreme God of heaven and earth. David says that I have searched my heart, and I have a clear conscience. David goes onto say: "***If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?***" We believe that David is reminding himself: God has not withdrawn his presence from the "***holy temple,***" and God is still on his throne in heaven. David wishes to be near the "***holy temple,***" where he can inquire of God for guidance. David is saying: I am standing upon the promise of the LORD. If I falter in my trust in the LORD, then the foundations of faith and trust in GOD are destroyed, and the hopes of the people will be destroyed.

We all understand, as David did, that there is a time to run. and there is a time to stand still and see the salvation of the LORD. This is one of those times when David understands that it is time to stand still and see the salvation of the LORD at work.

Now, how can we apply this text to our own lives? First, we can make a personal application. The devil is always saying to us: forget about the LORD, flee to "***your mountain.***" Where is "***your mountain?***" Your mountain is you trusting in the strength of your own works for your eternal salvation. Flee from God's presence so you can hide yourself. The problem with fleeing to "***your mountain***" is that the devil is in that mountain too. He has liars in wait there to shoot you with the arrows of discouragement and unbelief in the LORD: the arrows of delusion and distrust in the true word of God, the King James bible. This is our inherited sin nature in action, which we got from our father, fallen Adam, who got his fallen nature from the serpent when he yielded to temptation.

If you are a child of God: you cannot trust in your works for eternal salvation. It is not a time to flee away when the devil is attacking your faith and trust in the salvation of GOD. This is a time to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Do you remember the scripture in ***1Pe 3:15; 15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16 ¶ Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing."*** Now, there is only one way you can be ready to give an answer, and that is to know the Word of God. If you have been taught the truth of the word of God, God will always provide a ready answer to every temptation which we face. Jesus set the example for us in his temptation in the wilderness. For every temptation the devil presented to him, Jesus gave the particular scripture that refuted the particular temptation.

Now, let's make application as to the church of Salvation by the Grace of God, established by Jesus. When Satan, and his armies of antichristians, gather to make assault upon the church of the LORD, the church is to stand still upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. We are not supposed to flee away to hide in the mountain of our own strength. Why? Because the LORD is the strength of the church of salvation by the grace of God. This is a time, when each church body should have already taught their membership the whole truth of the word of God. It is a time to take hold of the sure promises of the LORD. Remember what Jesus said to the Jews who would kill him in ***Joh 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."*** Any attack upon the church of Salvation by the Grace of God is always from the devil. He is ever seeking to change the true word of God to please the flesh

of God's people, thus tempting them to fall in sin as did the first man Adam. This is an active ploy, at work today, in the realm of organized church worship. How do we know this? Because, we see denominations, and individual church bodies, accepting things that God has declared are an abomination in his sight.

Consider **1Jo 2:22** *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.*" As we see denominations and individual churches succumb to the lies of Satan, we see the foundations destroyed. *"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"* Their only choice is to move to another city of God, who is standing firm as David said *"In the LORD put I my trust."* We find this truth in scripture in **Mt 10:23** *"But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come."* This is not fleeing to *"your mountain."* This is standing fast upon the truths of God's word and standing upon the firm foundation of Jesus Christ. Understand, when a denomination, or individual church body, has conformed to the lies of the antichrist, that city has fallen. You have no place there any longer. Fleeing to *"your mountain"* is believing the lies of the antichrist and staying in the antichristian church, which has no foundation, and will not turn back to the LORD. Standing firm is the action of moving to another city that does not support the antichrist's lies. This is *"what the righteous can do."*

4 ¶ *"The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. 5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."*

David simply tells us in these verses: The LORD is still on his throne in heaven, and he is still in control over all things, even the antichrists. David tells us that God hates those who fight against his chosen people. David tells us that God will have a day of vengeance; because, God sees the actions of the antichrist, as well as the actions of the godly. David tells us exactly what the New Testament tells us in:

- **Re 3:5** *"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."* We are told that those who hold fast, as David is here, to *"In the LORD put I my trust:"* even if they have to flee from city to city to overcome in the LORD: their names will remain in the book of life, and they will spend eternity with Jesus in the place He has gone to prepare for us.
- **Re 13:8** *"And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* Just as David tells us in this chapter of Psalms: God tells us that all, whose names are not in the book of life, are of the antichrist, and they will suffer their eternal judgment in the eternal lake of fire.
- **Mt 25:31-34; 31** *"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"* followed by: **Mt 25:41** *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"* Herein, we see what David is telling us. The antichrists shall receive their just reward and spend eternity in the eternal lake of fire.

David says, *"For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright."* This is the sure foundation stone, which was laid in Jesus, the Christ, who purchased to himself all of God's people. Jesus has clothed them in the robes of His righteousness, which is why we are told in **1Th 4:17; 14** *"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."* Believing in the truth of God: we can say with David: *"In the LORD put I my trust."* Hallelujah! Amen!