

Tehillim/Psalms 11

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Psalms 11:1 "In the Lord I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, flee as a bird to your mountain."

Question

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What does it mean to take refuge in the Lord.

Psalms 34:8 - blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

34:22 - none who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

- the Lord provides refuge through His abiding presence in our lives

Exodus 33:14 "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."
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- Jesus said "Come to me... and your souls will find rest."
(Matthew 11:28-30).
- the salvation of God is the thing we cling to realizing our need for his deliverance.

Read Psalm 11:2-7

- David recognizes that a strong enemy seeks to destroy him and that true deliverance comes only by the hand of God.
- when we allow God to work, to judge wickedness we prevent ourselves from the possibility of doing unrighteousness in God's eyes.
- It is safer to allow God to work than to take actions into our own hands.

Psalms 11:3 "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (2)

Question

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What is the foundation that David is referring to?

The Foundation

- the Law of God (Torah)
 - Faith
 - discipleship
 - learning about sin
 - repentance from sin or dead works
- } Details on significance of the substitutionary atonement.
- The High Priest bearing our sin by eating the sacrifice
 - The Messiah would be kingly Royal status, from tribe of Judah, etc.
- the five books of Moses detail how to live in righteousness and justice.
 - The Torah is the standard upon which we can properly understand Scripture and prophecy.
 - Passover festival that gives us the meaning of the words of John the Baptist were Jesus is "the Lamb of God"
 - If the foundation is destroyed, wickedness, and unrighteousness, will run unchecked and everyone, the world, all of creation will suffer.
 - All of the prophets, writings, and the apostolic writings (NT) have their authority rooted in the Torah.

Psalm 11:5 "The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates."

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Question

Does God hate the wicked?

- the scriptures speak unambiguously that God hates the one who loves violence.

Motto in evangelism

"God hates the sin, but loves the sinner"

* Does Scripture say that God loves the sinner?

How do we classify the person before he/she is saved?

- If a person sins are they the wicked? (Before salvation?)
- Do sinners live in righteousness and justice?

The scriptures state that He will laugh at the wicked when their calamity comes like a whirlwind, and that He rejoices over the wicked to destroy them. (Deuteronomy 28:63)

* Is this concept of God incompatible with the tenets of our faith?

Survey on the Scriptures: Page 5-8

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Throughout the scriptures we read that God hates both the sin and the one who commits sin.

• Does God accept sinners "just the way they are?"

→ repent from sin (turn from) }
→ Believe in God and Yeshua } In order to be accepted of Him

what do the apostles say? (page 9)

Based on the scriptures, is God's love conditional?

• this is why modern theology states that before Jesus Judaism was works based.

Scripture also says

"we love Him because He first loved us"

"for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son"

* Do these stand in contradiction to Psalms 11:4-5?

→ God's love is for deliverance and salvation

→ It is not for those who live in sin as a way of life.

→ A distinction is made between those who practice sin and those who are repentant.

→ we are to cease to love sin and make our love of God first.
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* This is only possible with God's help by faith in Yeshua and by the power of the Holy Spirit living within us.