

Declarative Confidence

Psalms of David · Book I

"For the choir director, of David"

IN ONE SENTENCE



When foundations shake and enemies shoot arrows, the righteous LORD on his heavenly throne is the safe refuge.

Remember it: Psalm Eleven: when foundations crack, the LORD's throne still stands.

MEMORY VERSE

Yahweh is in His holy temple
 Yahweh
 His throne is in heaven
 His eyes see
 His eyelids test the sons of man

Psalm 11:4 · the author's translation

HEBREW WORD

צַדִּיק

"righteous" · verse 3

In the Psalms: 52 times, in 32 psalms

צַדִּיק, "righteous," describes someone who is right by God's standard and lives in line with it. In verse 3 the word names God's people; in verse 7 it describes the LORD himself. His people can be called righteous because they belong to a righteous God.

HOW THE PSALM MOVES

- 1-3 Friends urge flight because the foundations are shaking.
- 4-5 The LORD sits enthroned in heaven, examining everyone.
- 6-7 He judges the wicked; the upright will see his face.

MY NOTES



Listen. Hear Psalm 11 sung in the **Psalm Song** app, or free at ispress.de/psalms/11.

Cantillated. Sung: chanted back and forth between a leader and the people.

Refuge in Trouble

Justice on the Wicked

FILL IN THE BLANKS

When _____ shake and enemies shoot _____, the righteous LORD on his heavenly throne is the safe _____.

CHECK YOURSELF

1. What advice is given to David's soul?

☐ (A) Fight back

☐ (C) Hide in the temple

☐ (B) Flee as a bird to your mountain

☐ (D) Make peace with them

2. Where is the LORD's throne?

☐ (A) In heaven

☐ (C) On the sea

☐ (B) In Egypt

☐ (D) In the valley

3. What will the upright see?

☐ (A) Their enemies' riches

☐ (C) His face

☐ (B) A great army

☐ (D) The end of the world

TALK IT OVER

1. What are the "foundations" being destroyed in verse 3?

2. What do God's eyes do in verse 4, and why is that comforting?

3. When everything seems unstable, what tempts you to "flee" instead of trust?

IN YOUR OWN WORDS: WHAT DOES PSALM 11 TEACH?

☐ I listened to the song

☐ I can say verse 4 by heart

☐ I can say what it teaches

☐ I know the picture word

Answers · Blanks: foundations · arrows · refuge · Check yourself: 1. B (v. 1) · 2. A (v. 4) · 3. C (v. 7)