# How Should Christians Respond When Our Society is in Spiritual/Moral Freefall?

### Psalm 11 For the Choir Director, a Psalm of David

### The CORE CONVCTION of Believers Who Persevere in the Face of Spiritual/Moral Freefall v1

Active Trust in the LORD Allows Us to Interpret Physical Reality Thru the Lens of Spiritual Reality In the LORD (Hebrew word = YHWH: the God of salvation through the Messiah) I have put my ultimate trust; so how can you suggest to me, "Get out of town! Now!"

### The Kind of CULTURAL CRISIS That Can Tempt Believers To Panic/Punt Spiritually and Morally v2-3

### **Cultures and Whole Countries**

### Can Deny and Even Vilify Spiritual/Moral Reality

Watch out! The wicked bend the bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string to shoot from ambush at those who are upright in heart. It is too late for us to do anything significant! After all, since the spiritual foundations of our society are destroyed, what can the righteous do?

The expected answer to this question is "Nothing!" or at least "Nothing Significant!" IOWs: when the going gets tough...quit/get out of town! Forget about your faith, your family and your responsibilities, run away while there is still time.

### The CONTENT of the CORE CONVICTION of Believers Who Persevere in the Face of Spiritual/Moral Freefall v4-7

#### 1: God Sees Things from a Different Perspective Than We Can v4

The LORD (the God of my salvation) is in His Holy Temple and His throne is in Heaven!

#### 2: God is Aware of the Unfair/Unjust Status Quo We Face Now v5

His eyes behold/His eyelids test everyone everywhere, The Lord tests the righteous and the wicked...and the one who loves violence His soul hates.

#### 3: God Will Actively Execute Justice for His People in the Future v6

Upon the wicked He will rain snares; fire/brimstone and burning wind will be their destiny

#### 4: God Will Ultimately and Fully Vindicate His People Forever v7

Because the LORD is righteous, He loves (real not just religious) righteousness; and therefore based on His Person/Plan the upright will behold His face. (Romans 8:38-39) Even in (and especially during) our most discouraging circumstances... ...we must remember God is NOT done yet! (Revelation 21-22)

## **Take This To Heart**

Even in perilous times, Christians should punt panic and positively persevere.

Even when the spiritual/moral foundations of a society are destroyed, believers in the Lord Jesus Christ can continue to build our lives, our families and our churches on those (vilified/rejected) truths as we trust and obey the LORD walking with Him one day/one step at a time.

Even when our society is in the midst of the inherent degradation caused by spiritual/moral freefall we can be encouraged by actively embracing a Divine View Point perspective on reality: life now is real and really important, but... ...it is not ultimate and it is only temporary.