

Psalm 11

If the Foundations are Destroyed What Can the Righteous Do?

1: We Can PreDecide to Trust in the LORD 11:1a

(KOTAOTLEWTDSTBAERTKOTAOTL)

A correct translation here is “**In the LORD, I have put my trust...**”

This is an affirmation of a deliberate/persistent perspective

LORD = YHWH the Personal God of Salvation by Faith in Messiah
as in “The LORD (the God of My Salvation) is my Shepherd...”

2: We Can Doubt Those Who Doubt and/or Deny the LORD 11:1b-3

Even as We Also Deal with the Harsh Realities Around Us 11:1b-3

3: We Can Be Energized by Reflecting on God’s Person/Program 11:4-7

1st Stable/Stabilizing Truth about God’s Person/Program v4a

He is in the Control Room of the Universe Even in the Worst of Times

2nd Stable/Stabilizing Truth about God’s Person/Program v4b-5

He Knows All About the Good and the Bad in the World

3rd Stable/Stabilizing Truth about God’s Person/Program v6

He is Active Now and Will Even All Scores in Eternity

4th Stable/Stabilizing Truth about God’s Person/Program v7

He is Perfectly Righteous Which Demands 1-3 and So Much More

If the Foundations are Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?!? Quite a Bit! And These Include Three Things Found in Psalm 11

1: We Can Predecide to Trust in the LORD

2: We Can Doubt Those Who Doubt/Deny the LORD

3: We Can Reflect on the LORD's Person/Program

Our Feelings Can Be Overwhelmed by Suffering in the Now > Our Faith

Thinking about Life in the Now Based on the Reality of Earthly Pain/Problems Can Encourage Us to Rationalize a Spiritual "Doubt/Pout" Spiritual Limp...and This Really Seems to Make Sense at One Level Since Evil/Death is (in Us and) All Around Us So Resistance Seems Futile

Our Faith in Facts about God's Person/Program > Our Feelings about the Now

Thinking about Life in the Now Based on Faith in the LORD-His Person/Program in the Now and in Eternity Can Allow Us to Put Present Pain/Problems in Their Place as Real and Horrific But Only Small Part of What the LORD Has for His People

Having trusted the LORD for our eternal residence after death, believers should overcome the temptation to be feeling-driven such that we trust the LORD during the (promised) tribulations of our earthly journey

As we walk by faith and not by sight, there is one key question we answer in the way we think about ourselves, our world and our God:

Am I the LORD's Supervisor or am I the LORD's Servant?

"When we can't trace His hand...trust His heart."

Statement of Trust in the LORD v1a

The Wicked Attack the Upright v1b-2

Q: What Can the +R Do? (Relative to the Wicked) v3

The LORD's Stable +R Position/Person v4

A: What the LORD Will Do (Test the Wicked) v5

The Wicked Will Be Attacked by the LORD v6

Statement of Trust in the LORD v7