

What Can We Do When Foundations Crumble?

Psalm 11

¹ In the LORD I take refuge.

How then can you say to me:

"Flee like a bird to your mountain.

² For look, the wicked bend their bows;
they set their arrows against the strings
to shoot from the shadows
at the upright in heart.

³ When the foundations are being
destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

⁴ The LORD is in his holy temple;
the LORD is on his heavenly throne.
He observes the sons of men;
his eyes examine them.

⁵ The LORD examines the righteous,
but the wicked and those who love
violence his soul hates.

⁶ On the wicked he will rain
fiery coals and burning sulfur;
a scorching wind will be their lot.

⁷ For the LORD is righteous,
he loves justice;
upright men will see his face.

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- Foundations of economy
- Foundations of family
- Foundations of education
- Foundations of church

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No need to fear or flee

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God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way. (Psalm 46:1-2)

In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
(John 16:33)

Fear God. Pity his enemies.

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Nehemiah: rearm and rebuild

1. He didn't pretend. Jerusalem was in ruins, so he wept. Enemies wanted to keep God's city down, so he faced them.
2. He combined prayerful trust with bold action. He got the king's approval and rallied others to the cause. "We prayed and posted a guard." (Neh 4:9)
3. He equipped people for battling and for building. (Neh 4:16-18)

What Can We Do?

1. Rely on God's reign.
2. Repent of our own sins.
3. Reject self-pity; pity the wicked.
4. Rejoice about seeing God's face.
5. Rearm to fight for the right.
6. Rebuild on Rock.

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2. Economy
3. Family
4. Education
5. Church