**Jesus our Firm Foundation**

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**Psalm 11:1-7**

**Wednesday Evening**

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1 In the LORD I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain"? 2 For look! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. 3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. 5 The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.

**God’s Word is a Stabilizer in our Lives**

Saints, within its pages we find comfort, strength, and guidance for every situation in life. But if we choose to live without God’s Word the Bible, we won’t have the assurance of God’s promises to help us through hard times.

These are some of the most difficult days we have ever faced in our country. We’ve lost our oneness, stability, strength, and care for one another. Now our nation is suffering from uncertainty, uneasiness, conflict, and distrust.

If ever we needed to rely on the Scripture, it’s today. Such times should lead us to cry out to God, asking Him for the wisdom, courage, and obedience to do what’s right.

**2 Timothy 2:15-16**

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**David was familiar with difficult situations, and through them all, he learned to “Trust the Lord”**

Saints, when David faced Goliath, his confidence was not in himself but in the faithfulness of his God. And when King Saul became jealous of David and tried on several occasions to kill him, David fled for his life, hiding out in the wilderness.

Psalm 11 gives us a glimpse into David’s heart at a time when his world was falling apart. His main question is found in verse 3

**Psalm 11:3**

If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

**“If the foundations are Destroyed, what can the Righteous Do?”**

Saints, when everything is crumbling beneath us, we must remember that God’s Word is our true foundation. No matter what we face, Scripture assures us that we are children of God, and He promises to see us through it.

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Saints, this doesn’t mean we won’t experience suffering or disappointment, but the Lord walks with us every step of the way. His Word is our compass and guidebook for every hardship, heartache, and problem. As long as we follow His instructions, we will be able to face every situation.

**Psalm 119:105**

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

Saints, King David likened the foundation of a nation to that of a building. If a house is to last, it must be built on a strong foundation. Otherwise, it will begin to crumble, and the house will fall. In the same way, a nation whose foundation is weak cannot endure.

A strong national foundation consists of law and order, justice, truth, morality, decency, integrity, fairness, and trustworthiness. When these are abandoned, the foundation begins to crumble, and the nation is in danger of collapsing!

**Proverbs 29:2**

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.”

**How should we Respond if the Foundations are Destroyed?**

**1. Turn to God**

Like David, we can choose to say,

**Psalm 11:1**

In the LORD I put my trust…

Saints, this means we place our confidence in God and become attentive to His voice. He has given us unshakable, absolute truth in His Word. When we place our trust in what He’s said, we will receive stability and direction for our lives.

**2. Don’t Run**

David said,

**Psalm 11:1**

“How can you say to my soul, ‘Flee as a bird to your mountain’”

Saints, instead of trying to run away from our difficulties, we should run to God. He’s all-powerful and knows all our struggles and needs. There is no stronger or safer refuge than almighty God. He loves us and intends for us to stand strong, firm, and true in the

midst of hardship, suffering, and loss, knowing that He is trustworthy. The foundations of our physical world may crumble, and we could lose every possession we own, but even then the Lord is sufficient to carry us through.

**How does God respond when we Turn to Him?**

**1.The Lord places us under His Divine Protection**

When we are in a right relationship with Him and walking in obedience and submission, He determines the limits of our trials and suffering. This doesn’t mean He’ll remove all pain and trouble from our lives, but He guards us through it. And even if we lose our lives, He promises that we will immediately be in His presence

**2 Corinthians 5:8**

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

**2. God is Available**

**Psalm 11:4**

“The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in Heaven”

Saints, nothing is beyond His control, and He is ready to hear our concerns and requests when we come to Him in prayer. Whatever our needs may be, He has provided assurances and promises in His Word. God sees.

**Psalm 11:5**

“The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates

Saints, from His divine perspective, He sees and knows everything, and He uses our trials to test us. We have no reason to fear evil because we are secure in our relationship with the Lord. He hates violence, and promises that one day He will punish the wicked

**Psalm 11:6**

“Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.”

**What Attitude should God’s people have?**

**1. We must Trust the Lord**

No matter what our circumstances may be, we can believe God. It may seem as if He’s inactive, but He’s not. When situations get worse, He is not sitting in heaven wringing His hands. The Lord rejoices in the opportunity to intervene and show Himself strong for His children. Therefore, instead of running away, we should learn to wait upon the Lord and seek His direction.

**Psalm 18:28-30**

28 For You will light my lamp; The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall. 30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

**Psalm 91:1-11**

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.

**2. We must ask God for Cleansing**

When the foundations around us crumble, it’s time to look within ourselves, asking the Lord to reveal any sin in our lives. Then we must confess it and repent by making a determined choice to turn away from that sin and to the Lord.

**1 John 1:7-10**

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Saints. if we don’t deal with our sins, they will hinder our prayers. Only after our lives have been cleansed will He be able to use us in whatever ways He chooses.

**Psalm 66:18**

“If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear.”

**3. We must be Willing to Encourage Others**

People who don’t know Christ become frightened when the foundations around them crumble and circumstances become difficult. They look for ways to protect themselves, but we can encourage them to look to the Lord, who is the only true source of security.

**1 Peter 4:8-11**

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Saints, Jesus will show Himself strong to those who are willing to trust Him. As believers, we have a responsibility to share the teachings of God’s Word.

**4. We must Pray for Revival**

The difficult times we face are larger than our own issues; our entire country is in trouble. The solution is not found in voting new candidates into office, but in pleading with God to send a revival.

According to history, revivals always begin with just a few people who humbly seek the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 7:14**

“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

**Habakkuk 3:2**

“In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.”

**Psalm 51:10**

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”

**Acts 3:19-20**

“Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus.”

If we’ll sincerely turn away from sin and to God, a handful of individuals could become a crowd joining together to cry out to the Lord for our country.

**In Closing:**

**1. When the foundations begin to crumble, whether personally or nationally, do you turn to God and His Word?**

**2. What effect would it have on your emotions, thoughts, and reactions if this became your first choice?**

**3. As our society abandons its former foundation, will you commit to interceding for our nation and asking God to revive His church? Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.” In Jesus Name!**