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**HAPPY**  
**NEW**  
**YEAR**  
*A Fresh Start*

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“The secular left does not believe that America can be fixed; they say it must be destroyed. On the rubble of America’s Judeo-Christian past a new America will emerge, which they say will be free of poverty, racism, and white supremacy. The secular left’s goal is a future in which everyone will be equal on their terms and the disparities of the past will be read about only in history books. Those who resist this utopian vision are to be vilified, bullied, and shamed until they admit to the mistakes of the past and embrace the secular left’s great hope for the future.”

**Erwin W. Lutzer**



“I want to inspire us to have courage to walk toward the fire and not run away from the flames. God has brought us to this cultural moment, and our future cannot be taken for granted. As has been said, ‘In a time of universal deception, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.’ Let us determine that we will not be shamed into silence or inaction. We will speak, and like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the book of Daniel, let us resolve that we will not bow.”

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4. Israel prepared strike Iran's Nuc. Program
5. The PRC threatens Taiwan
6. A weak administration oversees it all

## **A PSALM WORTH KNOWING**

Psalm 11. It is identified as a psalm “of David”. A good title would be: “Facing Fright with Faith not Flight”.

1. Historical setting is unknown.
2. David’s life was in danger.
3. The psalmist’s message [BKC].
4. The psalm’s theme [NIV Study Bible].
5. The psalm has two parts (vss. 1-3 and 4-7).

## THE VOICES URGING FLIGHT (vss. 1-3)

1. Their source (1b)

2. Their substance (1c-3)

A. The command of flight (1c)

B. A command based on fright (2, 3)

*Their **practical** reasoning (2)*

*Their **philosophical** reasoning (3)*

3. David's repudiation of the temptation (1a)



## THE VOICE URGING FAITH (vss. 4-7)

*The faith David is expressing is **a faith grounded upon ...***

1. The sovereignty of God (4a)
2. The justice of God (4b-7)
  - A. The principles of Divine justice (4b-5)
    1. Generally applied (4b)
    2. Specifically applied (5)
  - B. The practice of Divine justice (6)
  - C. The precedents of Divine justice (7a)
  - D. The promise of Divine justice (7b)



# MAKING IT PERSONAL

*Six daily practices that will make this year your greatest ever!  
Based on Phil. 4:4-8 (#'s 1-3) and Col. 3:12-17 (#'s 4-6).*

1. Rise thankfully
2. Pray expectantly
3. Speak kindly
4. Forgive quickly
5. Read your Bible regularly
6. Work worshipfully