

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: January 2, 2022

Title: "Facing Fright with Faith not Flight "

Text: Psalm 11

#### INTRODUCTION:

An 11th-century poem recited at the beginning of synagogue worship. The poem is called ... "Let Us Speak of His Awesomeness".

#### THE CHALLENGES WE FACE

Our beloved USA is facing some series challenges in this New Year.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ (one and three-fourths years in).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1.4% in Jan. 2021; 6.8 in November).
3. Determination of the \_\_\_\_\_ to destroy America.
4. Israel prepares to \_\_\_\_\_ Iran's nuclear program.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ threatens to take control of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. A \_\_\_\_\_ (and dangerous) administration overseeing it all.

#### A PSALM WORTH KNOWING

Psalm 11 ... "Facing Fright with Faith not Flight"

- The historical setting of this psalm is unknown.
- David was in desperate straits with his life in danger.
- The psalmist's message is as follows: [from BKC]  
"Faced with the temptation to flee at a time when lawful authority was being destroyed, the psalmist held fast to his faith in the Lord, who will ultimately destroy the wicked whom He hates and deliver the righteous whom He loves."
- The psalm's theme: [from the NIV<sub>84</sub> Study Bible]  
"A confession of confident trust in the Lord's righteous rule, at a time when wicked adversaries seem to have the upper hand."
- The psalm has two parts (vss. 1-3; followed by vss. 4-7).

THE \_\_\_\_\_ URGING \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1-3)

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1b)
2. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 1c-3)
  - 1) A command of \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1c)
  - 2) A command based on \_\_\_\_\_ (vss. 2, 3)
3. David's \_\_\_\_\_ of the temptation (vs. 1a)

**THE \_\_\_\_\_ URGING \_\_\_\_\_** (vss. 4-7)

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

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vs. 4a)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God (vss. 4b-7)
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Divine justice (vss. 4b-5)
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ applied (vs. 4b)
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ applied (vs. 5)  
To the redeemed (5a) and to the reprobate (5b)
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Divine justice (vs. 6)
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Divine justice (vs. 7a)
  - D. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Divine justice (vs. 7b)

**MAKING IT PERSONAL**

Considering this great psalm, let's live well. Here are 6 daily practices that will make this year your greatest, most God-fearing year ever.

1. Rise \_\_\_\_\_ . This & next two from Phil. 4:4-8.
2. Pray \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Speak \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Forgive \_\_\_\_\_ . This & next two from Col. 3:12-17.
5. Read your Bible \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Work \_\_\_\_\_ .