

A Time to Stand

Jesus in the Psalms

Psalm 11

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I. The Good Shepherd (cf. Jn 10:11-14)

II. A Time to Stand

What is faith? Faith is _____ – confident assurance that God will do all he has promised.

A. Cry of Faith (1a)

B. Counsel of Fear (1b-3 cf. 2 Kgs 7:3ff; Lk 12:32)

The counsel of fear came to David as he was witnessing the pride and tyranny of the wicked. Whether this counsel came from genuine friends or from those seeking to entrap him, David recognizes their counsel for what it is – craven fear not strategic retreat.

Godly counselors will not counsel you (1) to be consumed by _____ and (2) to consider _____ first.

C. Conclusion of Faith (4-7)

David's counselors have asked, "When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" David answers in verses 4-7: I'll tell you what they can do: _____ God and labor for the advancement of His kingdom!

III. Fear versus Faith

A. God's Accusation through Isaiah (Is 51:12-13)

*"I, even I, am He who comforts you.
 Who are you that you should be _____
 Of a man who will die,
 And of the son of a man who will be made like grass?
 And you forget the Lord your Maker,
 Who stretched out the heavens
 And laid the foundations of the earth;
 You have feared continually every day
 Because of the fury of the oppressor,
 When he has prepared to destroy.
 And where is the fury of the oppressor?"*

B. Jesus' Warning (Mt 10:16-39)

Jesus rigorously challenges the apostles to be bold in their witness to Him. Do not fear men – fear God! Be men and women of righteousness; speak the truth; endure to the end; speak boldly of Christ; do not be afraid of others.

M: "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness" —

P: but our lives do not challenge the world.

M: "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me"

P: but we have hardly made it known that we are yours.

IV. Conclusion