

PRAYING PSALM 11

“In the Lord I put my trust...” (Psalm 11:1).

The theme of this psalm is: What to do when you want to run away.

This psalm was written when David was in danger of being killed by Saul, and someone counseled him to flee to a safe place. For David to run would have shaken the faith of his followers. David refused to run (3). Here are the reasons: 1. The Lord is in on the throne (4). He knows what will happen when we don't. To trust the counsel of others instead of trusting God breaches faith in Him and can expose us to greater danger. 2. The Lord tests the righteous (5-6). He doesn't test the wicked. He will judge the wicked with “fire and brimstone.” 3. The Lord loves the righteous (7). Everything God does for His children is from love. Running when we are afraid manifests weak faith. When we run from God we are not trusting. Running away prolongs fears and could subject you to more fears. When you are tempted to run, stand on your faith and proclaim, “In You Lord I will put my trust.”