

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”

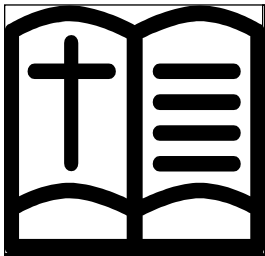


“FEAR OR FAITH?”

ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE PSALMS

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 - B. *When the righteous have had enough and they finally figure out what needs to be done! 12-15*
 - 1. *God does not just automatically jump in and clean up neglected messes*
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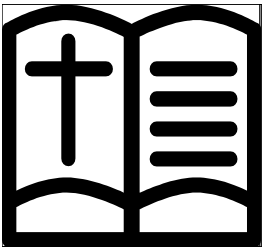
III. WHEN THE WICKED THINK THEY ARE WINNING

Ps 11

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- B. The challenge of the fearful: “Run! The wicked are winning and there is no hope of delivery! They have the hammer back, safety off and their finger on the trigger! The foundations are gone!”
This is propaganda or marketing!
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 - 2. He is testing men now - both the evil and the righteous! (Don’t misread the signs)
 - 3. Judgment is coming!
 - 4. Suffering may happen to the righteous.
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IV. WHEN THE PLAN SEEMS A LITTLE SLOW Ps 12 & 13

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 - 3. God did not call us to be nice but to be holy and godly! Sometimes that may mean conflict
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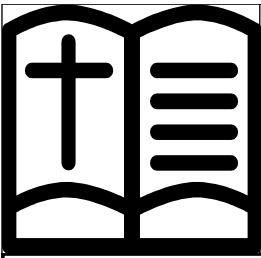


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