

Studies in the Psalms

Psalm 11 – *‘What Can The Righteous Do?’*

INTRO: What do we do—when our world starts falling apart?

OUTLINE:

Verses 1-3 ... The Believer’s Dilemma

Verses 4-7 ... The Believer’s Confidence

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1st – PSYCHOLOGICAL TENSION (v.1-2)

2nd – THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DILEMMA (v.3)

Verses 4-7 – The True Believer Looks to God and is Confident

1st – Confidence in the ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD (v.4a)

2nd – Confidence in the GOD’S ACTIVE OMNISCIENCE (v.4b)

*J.I. Packer, Knowing God (p.37) - ‘What matters supremely... is not, in the last analysis, the fact that I know God, but the larger fact which underlies it—the fact that **He knows me**. I am graven on the palms of His hands. I am never out of His mind. All my knowledge of Him depends on His sustained initiative in knowing me. I know Him, because He first knew me. He knows me as a friend, one who loves me; and there is no moment when His eye is off me, or His attention distracted from me, and no moment, therefore, when His care falters.’*

3rd – GOD IS A RIGHTEOUS JUDGE (v.5-6)