

MORNING SERMON OUTLINE

AGAINST DESPAIR & LIES: GOD'S RULE, GOD'S TRUTH

Psalms 11 & 12

***We walk by faith, not by sight.* 2 Corinthians 5:7**

1. The Counsels of Despair in Psalms 11:1-3 & 12:1-4

How things **looked** to David's advisors:

"There's no hope. Run away and hide." Vv.1,2

Their (faulty) premise:

"If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" v.3

How things **looked** to David in Psalm 12:1 –

The godly have disappeared from society.

Wicked liars run everything and get their way with deception.

They boast that they can say whatever they want;
no one can tell them what to say!

This is very intimidating.

The temptation for God's people: head down, back off, say nothing,
let them have their way without opposition.

2. Reality: God's Rule & God's Truth 11:4-7 & 12:5-8

The foundations ARE NOT destroyed!

THE foundation is the throne of God in the heavens. 11:4

From His throne, the LORD tests & judges people. 11:4b-6

His soul "hates" the one who loves violence.

If he does not repent, what will be his destiny?

Fire judgments from God!

The righteous LORD loves righteous people (sinners who trust in
Christ and seek with God's help to serve & obey Him).

THEY will see His face – and live in its light & glory with joy. V.7

Really? Can we trust this promise?

In contrast with the liars of this world,

The LORD's words are as pure as silver refined 7 times! 12:6

Do the wicked strut about and SEEM to get away with it?

Do people praise and reward what is vile in God's eyes?

TRUST GOD'S WORD: not for long!

Unless they repent, they are doomed.

3. So what should we do?

NOT run away and hide. (But see Matthew 10:23 – tactical retreat,
not surrender, to continue the "fight".)

Preach & live Christ boldly. Confront evil & lies with God's truth.

And call people to repent & surrender in faith to Christ.

"What can the righteous do?" NOTHING in their own power or wisdom.

BUT GOD is NOT limited. He conquers with His Word.

"I will build My church and the gates of hell will not withstand it" (Mtt.16:18).