Faith Is A Refuge

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INTRODUCTION

- And yet David can say that he's not afraid. No, he may have had fear. But ultimately, he's not afraid because he knows who he has refuge in.
- David is reflecting on his time in Saul's court, before he will ultimately have to flee for his life. A time of great danger for David.

1 Real Faith Knows Its Refuge

Psalm 11:1–3; 1 Samuel 18:9–11

- How can you say to my soul, flee as a bird to your mountain? For behold, the wicked bend the bow.
- If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- Saul is no longer just. Saul is no longer righteous.
- Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, I will pin David to the wall.
- But David's response is simply in verse 1, In the Lord I take refuge.
- Real faith knows its refuge. But it's not within man. It's not within this world, but the refuge that we need is in God and in God alone.

2 Faith Has a Firm Foundation

Psalm 11:4–6

- The Lord is in his holy temple. The Lord's throne is in heaven. His eyes, behold, his eyelids test the sons of men.
- The Lord knows all this. You're not telling me anything that the Lord doesn't know already.
- Because it's the Lord, and only the Lord, who can ultimately do anything about it.
- And so ultimately, David can't really do anything to fix the situation. But the Lord can.
- Faith has a firm foundation. David can take his refuge in the Lord, for he knows it is the Lord who reigns over all.

3 Faith Will Be Rewarded

Psalm 11:7

- Since the Lord is righteous, he loves righteousness. Our holy God, who is just and righteous, looks for the same qualities in his people.
- And so the great conclusion, the upright will behold his face.
- He's not saying I'll trust in the Lord because he'll save my skin. He's saying I'm going to trust in the Lord because I long one day to see his face.
- This is more than just benefiting me. This is love.

4 Faith Conquers Fear

- Faith conquers fear. And again, I don't mean to intimate that David never had a fearful moment.
- What safety and security does money really offer us ultimately? Not much.
- Nothing that man can devise is going to offer you final and complete safety and security.
- The best safety for my family is me getting on my knees on a daily basis and asking God to watch over them.
- He trusted in God. Look where it got him.
- That trust in God is ultimately vindicated. Does he suffer? Does he die? Certainly. But he also rose.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **I think it would be a good place for us to step back and to think and to praise him and to thank him on a daily basis. And truly he is our refuge.**

MY NOTES