

I HEAR VOICES!

PSALM 11

Everyone hears voices!

- Unfortunately, everyone hears more than one kind of voice!
- Those voices are vying (struggling) for control.
- Life or death is in the voice you listen to!

I. The voice of initial, child-like faith

Psalm 11:1 In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul,
Flee as a bird to your mountain?

Luke 18:15 And they brought unto him also infants (τὰ βρέφη),
that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they
rebuked them. Luke 18:16 But Jesus called them unto him, and
said, Suffer little children (τὰ παιδία) to come unto me, and
forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Luke 18:17
Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom
of God as a little child (ὡς παιδίον) shall in no wise (οὐ μὴ)
enter therein.

I. The voice of initial, child-like faith

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not** of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** **Not** of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall** be saved.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all** things work together **for** good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Unfortunately:

You cannot stay here!

You will hear other
voices!

II. The voices of fear

Psalm 11:1 ... how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

Psalm 11:2 For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart. Psalm 11:3 If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?

II. The voices of fear

The Psalmist / David is not attempting to give us individual sources:

- Just multiple voices!
- Maybe just the internal conversations / voices you have with yourself!
- These voices might come immediately.
- They might come later in life
- They will almost certainly come during a crisis!
- But, come they will!

III. The voice of a mature & maturing faith!

Psalm 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalm 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Psalm 11:6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. Psalm 11:7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

III. The voice of a mature & maturing faith!

At this point you have several choices:

1. Go back to the initial, child-like faith → and try to hang on!
2. Flee, fear &/ fall apart!
3. Build on &/ build up your initial, child-like faith → into a mature, maturing faith!

III. The voice of a mature & maturing faith!

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. Hebrews 6:3 **And this will we do, if God permit.**

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This is not a different Lord / trust, but a deeper, fuller, more Biblical understanding and experience of God!

God is holy!

Psalm 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

Zechariah 2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

God is holy!

Revelation 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

Revelation 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. **Revelation 8:3** And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. **Revelation 8:4** And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. **Revelation 8:5** And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

God is sovereign!

Psalm 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, **the LORD'S throne is in heaven**: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalm 103:19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Psalm 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

Psalm 135:5 For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Psalm 135:6 **Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places.**

God is sovereign!

Psalm 96 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day. **Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.** For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. **Give** unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the people, **give** unto the LORD glory and strength. **Give** unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: **bring** an offering, and come into his courts. O **worship** the LORD in the beauty of holiness: **fear** before him, all the earth.

God is sovereign!

Psalm 96 . . . Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth:
the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice Before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

God is just & a just Judge!

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