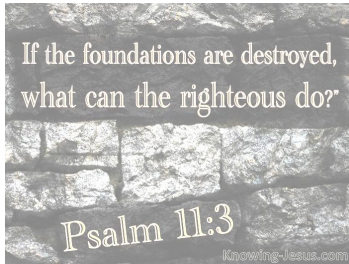


## What Can the Righteous Do? Psalm 11, November 15, 2020



I and my buddy Phil constantly ask one another, “What happened to the America we knew?” 40 years ago, in preaching class, a fellow student, an African American pastor preached about the direction of our country. His text was Psalm 11:3, **“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”** I asked God this week, *“Believers in China and other nations are under fierce attack, they have no rights like freedom of religion, freedom of speech, a 1<sup>st</sup> amendment, and all they want to do is*

*stay faithful. What makes us different? Why should we want our freedoms?”* **What makes America different than China is foundations.**



Pilgrims came, seeking freedom to practice their faith, fled from British persecution to Holland, but when their kids were speaking Dutch, they believed they had to found an English speaking democratic colony. They laid a foundation for what is the USA, world’s oldest democracy and beacon of freedom. In my travels, citizens of countries that had communist leaders, dictators, corrupt fake democracies, all love America. Today, many want to destroy our foundations, faith, family, freedom

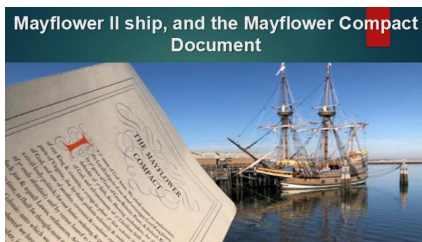
and life. Many groups, have worked to make our country ignorant of scripture and our Christian roots, destroy the nuclear family, marriage between a man and woman as the divine standard, and change gender from what God gives to from emotions, surgeons and drugs, and call death of innocent unborn children health care.

### Takeaway

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**1 . The Foundations of American Society: “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD” (Psalm 33:12), “Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall. Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord!” (Psalm 144:15).** Our nation, not under God, goes under.

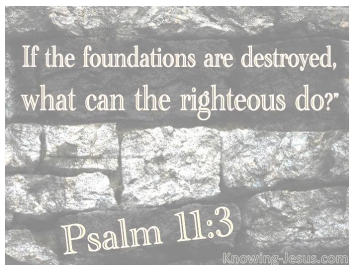


The 400th anniversary of signing of the Mayflower Compact, signed November 11, 1620: Christians gathered in Plymouth, Massachusetts, near Mayflower II to pray, and sign again the text of the 1620 document. It opens with, "In the name of God, Amen" with the Pilgrims intent to advance their Christian faith, for the glory of the Lord. "We signed the original Mayflower Compact," said Michele Bachmann, former Minnesota Congresswoman

and co-chair of Jerusalem Prayer Breakfast. "to rededicate our nation and reinvigorate the Mayflower Compact for today and for where we go as a nation during the next 10 generations, should the Lord tarry." They renewed a covenant established in 1620 by their ancestors, who dedicated the new land to God. Wednesday's signers were Mayflower descendants, First Nations people, and historians. Official celebrations of the 400th anniversary were canceled because of COVID they met on their own. The Mayflower Compact was the first document to establish self-government in the new world, an early democracy seeking permanent independence from

British rule, shaping what would be the United State of America. "The Pilgrims got off the ship and knelt down and had their first prayer meeting here. The glory of the Lord was once again coming forth from Plymouth." Jerry Perera of the Leyden Preservation Group said, "They didn't want to be governed in the natural state of affairs, they knew their only governance was in the name of God. They were planting a colony under God. They came for that reason. The original signers of the compact risked their lives to sail across the Atlantic Ocean to escape religious persecution and establish a new world based on freedom." For every house built, they dug 7 graves. They signed the new compact in a house built by Pilgrims on American soil. Some of those Plymouth buildings are still standing on original foundations. To establish the colony, the 104 Mayflower passengers crafted the compact as an early aid in governance. Included were native Americans from the Massasoit tribe in addition to Puritans. This document laid the foundation, based upon biblical truth, for what would become the United States of America. Over time the gargantuan struggle for Independence and the Declaration of Independence declaring, "All men are created equal" and the US Constitution, foundations for a nation though with great flaws, has a basis of truth that is unchangeable. Though the foundation of the house still stands, there are those who want to eliminate the foundation of faith that began the historical journey for what became the United States. Now, powerful political, institutional, and educational forces push their agenda and do all possible to punish any who disagree. Their goal is power, absolute power. Their purpose is to destroy our righteous foundations by forcefully educating children against God's design for marriage and family, rewriting our national history, making our political system a racial divide, favor government over the individual, and take innocent human lives. They won't even say a fetus isn't human, science has proved they are, but call their extermination of babies health care and choice.

## 2 . What can the righteous do?



1 I believe the answer is in the entire text of Psalm 11, ***In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul, "Flee like a bird to your mountain, where do we run, Australia? Will their freedom last? 2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;*** they've been at this a long time, not openly (until now); the stages are:

**In the 19<sup>th</sup> century:** Documentary Hypothesis to destroy belief in the Bible, Graff and Wellhausen said there was no alphabet in Moses' time, therefore, Mose didn't write the Torah (1<sup>st</sup> 5 Bible books, also known as books of Moses), redactors did and it was mostly myth. This was taught in seminaries and universities and damaged many generations' faith in the foundation, that the Bible is reliable truth. Now we know there were alphabets way before Moses, and archaeological discoveries confirm biblical history, but this unproven hypothesis based upon error is still taught. Then came Darwin's, claims that the species weren't created but evolved by adapting genetically. Genetic science is pretty firm now that though species can adapt withing their original genetic code, they can't jump into the code of another species or add adaptations that aren't in their original genome. So with modern science debunking these hypotheses and theories that have succeeded to turn the world away from a Biblical view, educational institutions still teach them!

**In the 20<sup>th</sup> century,** removing God from schools and then all public life, drugs, moral breakdown, divorce. Marxism took control of almost 1/3 of the world's population, soft socialism became the standard for Europe and Canada.

**In the 21<sup>st</sup> century:** nanny state, government run education and health care, redefining marriage, redefining gender, censorship, political correctness, and eliminate law enforcement and moving towards a cultural Marxism (Black lives Matter, receiving millions from corporations stated all

of these). Anyone who is conservative, though involved in charities, serving the community, or in diverse settings is still called a racist. People have lost jobs, charities funding, corporations denied the chance to do business (like Chick-fil-A wasn't allowed to open in Chicago) if there is any trace of belief in traditional marriage. Men can now participate in women's sports and dominate but can't be denied because their feelings of sexuality have legal weight over their biology. It could go on. The foundations are being undone.

**3 if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?"** This is the question. Psalm 11 has the answer. Though are foundations may not be eradicated, many hammer at the solid rock and want to replace them with ideas of sand and clay.

**4 The LORD is in his holy temple;**

1<sup>st</sup>, is to recognize it is God we are about, **the LORD's throne is in heaven;** our destination is heaven, not a perfect earth. But he does have an earthly temple, His church (Ephesians 2:19-22) and the individual believer (1 Corinthians 6:19).

**his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.**

God doesn't test to discover about us, that is clear to Him, he tests to show us where we are. This Covid thing shows that not only America but the world is in fear and willing to give up freedom. **5 The LORD tests the righteous,** God tests the whole of humanity, but also His own people. Is God, is heaven, is His kingdom purpose that the world may know about Jesus (John 17:21, 23) what makes us tick? Or do we just want to be good people in our comfort? Are we sold out to Him? Do we place His purposes as our own?

**but his soul hates the wicked**

Stop! If God loves the world, how can he hate people? *He does hate what they've become,* but His gospel can transform them,. Are we His vessels to take the gospel? The violence; people burn, loot, and kill at the drop of a hat. They've used it as an election threat! God hates where our country has arrived, what it's become, a killing ground for babies, a legal ground to defy His standards of marriage, family, and gender, and a social ground to believe we are not made in His image, but an evolved hierarchy of races. **and the one who loves violence.** Destroy foundations and violence follows.

**6 Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind** (Cali are you listening?) **shall be the portion of their cup.** It's ok to pray for God's heavenly violence to get our nation's attention.

**7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold his face.**

**So to answer the question, what can the righteous do?** First turn to the Lord. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 16:33) for He is righteous so we must be. But understand, the righteousness of God isn't by our deeds, if so, America is sunk. It's by faith. Follow our faith with a righteous life, doing righteous deeds, simply doing right. We can start now if we've been slack or rebellious.

And when we are upright, by faith and repentance, we can see His face, and we'll see He loves lost sinners, even the rioters, though he hates what they do and have become. How do we know He's our righteousness, except by faith, betting our lives on Jesus, **"even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction"** (Romans 3:22). When we seek His face, we'll behold it! It is a call to prayer and godly living in a wicked, godless attack upon our foundations. Pray for those who are trying to do right for our nation, whether investigating fraud, interpreting our laws, making our laws. Share the gospel, Share the gospel, Share the gospel with lost people and encourage the backslidden to come back, and above all, **America needs revival! We must turn to the Lord.**