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Lesson 8: Psalms 11-15

Outlines (*The outlines, with one exception, come from Wiersbe's The Bible Exposition Commentary with additional notes from other resources as noted.*)

Psalm 11

Author: David

Background: Probably from his flight from King Saul

Theme: God's rule provides stability in the midst of panic. Because we can trust him, we can face our problems. –From *The Life Application Bible*

1. What David Should Do (v.1)

His confidence is grounded in years of walking with God. Therefore he is amazed at the lack of stability of his advisors. ¹

2. What the **Enemy Does (v.2)**

Here's verse three in the NLT:

The foundations of law and order have collapsed.
What can the righteous do?"²

¹ Gaebelien, F. E., VanGemern, W., Ross, A. P., Wright, J. S., & Kinlaw, D. F. (1991). *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 5: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (131). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

² Tyndale House Publishers. (2004). *Holy Bible : New Living Translation*. (2nd ed.) (Ps 11:3). Wheaton, Ill.: Tyndale House Publishers.

3. What God Will Do (v.4-7)

The Lord will deal with the wicked who persecute the righteous. He will bless the upright to see Him!

Isa. 33:15-16

Psalm 12

Author: David

Background: Unknown

Theme: The proud and lying words of people versus the true and pure words of God. A call for protection against those who try to manipulate us. –From *The Life Application Bible*

This psalm is a prayer on behalf of or by the people of God for deliverance from the deceptions and scheming of the godless³.

1. The Righteous—**Despairing** Words (v.1)

2. The Wicked—**Deceptive** Words (v.2-4)

v.2 Double hearted=hypocritical; look at Jas. 3:10-12 & Prov. 26:24-26

Prov. 26:24-26 KJV

²⁴ He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; ²⁵ When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for *there are* seven abominations in his heart. ²⁶ *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the *whole* congregation. ⁴

v.4 Our lips are our own=unbridled speech

3. The Lord—**Delivering** Words (v.5-8)

His “words” (= “promises”) are pure (= “flawless”);(cf. 18:30; 119:140). Over against the lies, deceptions, false honesty, treachery, perverse speech, and scheming of the wicked is God’s word! The OT is full of his promises, which have been confirmed by our Lord (2 Cor 1:20).⁵

³ Gaebelein, F. E., VanGemern, W., Ross, A. P., Wright, J. S., & Kinlaw, D. F. (1991). *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 5: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (134). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

⁴ *The Holy Bible : King James Version*. 1995 (electronic ed. of the 1769 edition of the 1611 Authorized Version.) (Pr 26:24–26). Bellingham WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁵ Gaebelein, F. E., VanGemern, W., Ross, A. P., Wright, J. S., & Kinlaw, D. F. (1991). *The Expositor's Bible Commentary, Volume 5: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs* (138). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House.

Psalm 13

Author: David

Background: Probably written during David's season of exile when King Saul was pursuing him.

Theme: Praying for relief from despair. We must continue to trust God even when he doesn't answer us immediately. –From *The Life Application Bible*

AHEM!!! THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE IS PRESENTED BY YOURS TRULY!!! Lol

1. The Problem (v.1-2)

2. The Prayer (v.3-4)

3. The Praise (v.5-6)

Here are verses 5 & 6 from the Message:
I've thrown myself headlong into your arms—
I'm celebrating your rescue.
I'm singing at the top of my lungs,
I'm so full of answered prayers.⁶

Psalm 14

Author: David

Background: Unknown

Theme: Only the fool denies God. How foolish it must seem to God when people say there is no God. –From *The Life Application Bible*

1. Willful Folly—They Ignore God (v.1-3)

2. Sudden Fear—They Meet God (v.4-6)

Who eat up my people as they eat bread=Reducing men to poverty, robbing them, and devouring their substance, is called, in Scripture, devouring the men themselves (see Prov. 30:14; Isa. 3:14; Micah 3:3).⁷

3. Joyless Future—They Have No God (v.7)

Psalm 15

Author: David

Background: He may have written this psalm after his second attempt to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Mt. Zion. (II Sam. 6).

Theme: Guidelines for living a blameless life. –From *The Life Application Bible*

⁶ Peterson, E. H. (2002). *The Message : The Bible in contemporary language* (Ps 13:5–6). Colorado Springs, Colo.: NavPress.

⁷ *The Pulpit Commentary: Psalms Vol. I.* 2004 (H. D. M. Spence-Jones, Ed.) (86). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

1. Seeking God's Presence (v.1)

2. Obeying God's Precepts (v.2-5a)

"He is one that is conscientiously honest and just in all his dealings, faithful and fair to all with whom he has to do."⁸ –Matthew Henry

"If any man, in this matter, bridles not his tongue, his religion is vain. He knows the worth of a good name, and therefore *he backbites not*, defames no man, speaks evil of no man, makes not others' faults the subject of his common talk, much less of his sport and ridicule, nor speaks of them with pleasure, nor at all but for edification. He makes the best of every body, and the worst of nobody."⁹ –Matthew Henry

According to the law, the Israelite was not to take advantage of the adversities of a fellow Israelite who had fallen on hard times (Exod 22:25–27; Lev 25:35–36; Deut 23:19).¹⁰

3. Trusting God's **Promise** (v.5c)

"The grace of God shall always be sufficient for him, to preserve him safe and blameless to the heavenly kingdom. Temptations shall not overcome him, troubles shall not overwhelm him, nothing shall rob him of his present peace nor his future bliss."¹¹ –Matthew Henry

⁸ Henry, M. (1996). *Matthew Henry's commentary on the whole Bible : Complete and unabridged in one volume* (Ps 15:1–5). Peabody: Hendrickson.

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