

1. Psalm 10-12 (David's Psalms—during some of the more trying times of his life when he felt his enemies—Saul—pressing in upon him. How he processed that along with the questions he asked are still extremely relevant. In reading these Psalms—it is not difficult to notice how contemporary they are)
2. Two Questions
 - a. Where is God?
 - b. Why does evil triumph and injustice reign? (who among us have not asked these questions)
3. The Answers
 - a. God is aware (sees and hears)
 - b. God is engaged (defends, acts and protects)
 - c. God will respond (ultimately—to perfect all things. He will demand an accounting—eventually bringing full redemption and restoration to all things)
4. (Summed up this way) Psalm 11:7
5. (Also summed up in the life story of David in numerous ways—both the accounting and the redemption. God loves justice after all) Our Takeaways
 - a. Never give up doing right—Galatians 6:9 (even in the face of opposition; of evil seeming to carry the day; as the Psalms indicate—more is going on than what we can see)
 - b. Always trust God to keep his word—2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (keep the focus on the unseen; do not lose heart; God will do what he promises. The entire Bible story bears this out.)
 - c. The Story continues—Philippians 1:6; 2 Peter 3:8-9 (and we are living it out and as a part of that God is continuing to complete the story within us. Being present within the story though presents us with the same challenges it did David—hard to see beyond the moment—doubts and questions emerge—but God's work is not finished—he wants all to be saved—that is his overarching motivation and why the story continues)
6. (So what shall we do?) “In the Lord I take refuge”—Psalm 11:1 (as refugees—we flee to him to take hold of the hope that can anchor our soul in the troubled times—Hebrews 6:18-19. This hope in turn enables and empowers us to endure with a kingdom perspective of how God works, while looking forward to and yearning for the coming full redemption and restoration---at which time justice will prevail and grace will reign. Refuge indeed. We all need it and is waiting for all)