

TRUST IN THE LORD

Scripture Reading:

“⁵Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Prov 3:5-6).

Introduction:

- A.** Trust is defined biblically as a bold, confident, sure security or action based on that security; to rely upon; make to hope.
- B.** To trust in the Lord means to believe His Word and obey Him, look to Him and have hope in His promises even when we can't see how His Word can be true; even when everything around us would tell us not to trust Him. Trusting Jesus means committing ourselves entirely to Him. As Christians, we put complete confidence in Jesus and His Word.

C. I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD

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- D. YOU MUST TRUST CHRIST ALONE:** When evangelist Gypsy Smith got saved, an elderly gentleman explained to him the importance of trusting Christ alone. Gypsy Smith replied, “I cannot trust myself, for I am nothing; and I cannot trust in what I have, for I have nothing; and I cannot trust in what I know, for I know nothing.” The only thing left for him to trust in was Jesus Christ (Gypsy Smith, His Life and Work: Rodney Smith).

Study Question #1:

Why should we place complete trust in God? Why should we put absolute trust, hope, and confidence in God in whom we have never seen?

Study Question #2:

The quality of a Christian's spiritual life can be directly connected to the quality of his/her trust in God. Are you prepared to trust in God completely? Do you have complete trust in the Lord?

Thought to Ponder:

Continue to trust God in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, upcoming presidential election, crime rate, sickness, financial crisis, death of loved ones, and in the midst of the disappointments and troubles of life.

I. Reasons to Trust in the Lord

A. The Word of God is True

- “And now, O Lord God, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant” (2 Sam 7:28).
- “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever” (Ps 119:160).
- “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

- “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).

The Word of God– The entire Bible – Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 is absolutely and completely true. The Bible does not contain errors, falsehoods nor contradictions. Therefore, we trust in God because His Word is true.

B. God Does Not Lie

- “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19).
- “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

Human beings, including Christians, lie at times. Our God is Holy – God cannot, does not and has not ever lied. Therefore, we can trust in the Lord.

C. God is Immutable (He does not change in His Being)

- “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Malachi 3:6).
- “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb 13:8).

People change – we change in our being – from babies to children to teenagers to adults. God does not change over time. He is the same today and he has been the same and will be the same for all eternity.

Also, we change our minds about matters, situations, and circumstances. However, God never changes His mind about anything. Therefore, we can trust God because He does not change over time nor does He change His mind.

D. God Fulfills His Plans and Purposes

- “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jer 29:11).
- “The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands” (Ps 138:8).
- “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Eph 2:10).

God has plans and purposes for us which He will absolutely fulfill. He does not change His plans and purposes for us because we fail Him at times or do not know what His plan or purpose is. Trust God at all times (Ps 34:1) – He knows what He is doing – to make us Christlike and to glorify Jesus Christ through us.

E. God is Sovereign (Supreme Ruler of the universe)

- “The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Ps 24:1).
- “The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them” (Ps 89:11).

God is in control of His Universe. He is **Omnipotent**: All-Powerful (Job 42:2; John 19:11); **Omniscient**: All-Knowing (Isa 46:10; Ps 139:1-3; 1 John 3:20); and **Omnipresent**: All-Present (Ps 33:13-14; Isa 40:12). God is sovereign over the angels of Heaven and Satan. No one nor anything can stop God from saving us, providing for us, and fulfilling His plans for us. There is nothing in the universe that occurs without God's permission. There is nothing that catches God by surprise.

Thought to Ponder:

God has the power and knowledge to prevent anything He chooses to prevent, so anything that happens is allowed by God. God has the ability and knowledge to do anything – to take action and intervene in any situation. However, He often chooses to act indirectly or to allow certain things for reasons of His own.

F. God Gave us Jesus for Salvation

- “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” (John 3:16).
- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).
- “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10).

God gave us His most precious Gift – “His only begotten Son” – Jesus Christ to pay our sin debt and give us eternal life.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe, Sin has left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

II. How to Trust in the Lord

A. Pour your Heart out to God (Phil 4:6).

Everything should be taken to the Lord in prayer. There is nothing too great or small for His loving care.

B. God Hears and Answers Prayer

Remember, that God hears and answers every prayer, not on our timetable but His own and not always with the answer we want to hear.

1. God Answers Yes (1 Sam 1-2)

Hannah prays and asks God to give her a baby. She had been unable to conceive. God answered her prayer and gave her a son – **Samuel** (1 Sam 1:20).

2. God Answers No (John 11)

Mary and Martha wanted Jesus to heal their sick brother, however, Jesus allowed Lazarus to die. Jesus answered **No** to the grieving sisters because He has greater things planned for Lazarus – Resurrection of Lazarus from the dead for the Glory of God.

3. God Answers Wait

- a. Wait means to be patient (Rom 8:25)
- b. Wait means to be thankful that God is in Control and His timing will be perfect (Rom 12:12; Ps 37:7-9; Eccl 3:1).

C. Spend Time in the Word of God

1. Search the Scriptures (Acts 17:11)
2. “Study ... the Word of God” (2 Tim 2:15)

Conclusion:

A. “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God” – Corrie Ten Boom

B. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus

Jesus Jesus Jesus, He died for you and me
Jesus Jesus Jesus, Gave his life to set us free

C. Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!

Memory Verse:

“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice” (Ps 55:17).

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