Trust

Introduction

*D. L. Moody said, ''Trust in yourself, and you are doomed to disappointment; trust in your friends, and they will die and leave you; trust in reputation, and some slanderous tongue may blast it; but trust in God, and you are never to be confounded in time or eternity.''*

Don’t Put Our Trust in Man

**1 Cor. 1:25**

* To avoid hopes being dashed – to avoid disappointment – to avoid being hurt, we need someone reliable to trust in
* We want someone strong to rely on and someone sure to trust in – someone who is powerful and wise – someone who will not waver – someone who always has an answer – and not just any answer, but the right answer - and that is not our fellow man
* Mankind doesn’t always have answers – and the answers we come up with are not always right – we are frail and fraught with shortcomings and we often make mistakes and can cause disappointment, but none of that is true with God
* God is filled with truth and with His wisdom He always has a good and proper answer – God is powerful and mighty and perfect – always able to accomplish what is needed – never disappointing
* Even God’s weakness is greater than the strongest person and God’s foolishness is beyond the wisest person – this is someone we want to trust in…

**Isa. 55:8-9**

* Not only is God’s strength and thinking beyond mankind’s, but it is infinitely so – the chasm between our might and strength and God’s is as vast as the distance between the earth and the heavens
* God doesn’t think the same way as we do and He doesn’t act the same way that we do – and as we examine ourselves and our fellow man, isn’t that a good thing
* No doubt we have friends and family that we trust in, but have not even those closest to us let us down from time to time? Haven’t we let ourselves down from time to time?
* Even if our trust in someone is rewarded 99% of the time, isn’t it better to trust in someone who is 100% reliable – especially when it comes to our eternal life?

**Prov. 3:5-8**

* Man’s wisdom and strength lies infinitely below God’s – and of course that includes our own personal strength and wisdom
* I know there are times I wish I had the answers, but I didn’t – there is always more for us to learn
* I know there are times I wish I was stronger than I am – able to overcome obstacles with greater consistency
* Fortunately, we don’t need to know it all – fortunately, we don’t need to be infallible, we don’t need to be perfect – instead we can lean on God
* We are told here to rely on God and not our own wisdom – trust in God…

Do Put Our Trust in God

**Psalm 18:1-3**

* In this Psalm, David refers to the Lord as his rock – as his safe place and foundation – someone sturdy and reliable to lean on and trust in – he states that God is his strength and shield – and he had confidence in the Lords ability to save him
* So too should God be our trust and strength – the Lord is worthy of our trust and dedication – our praise and honour – and trust place in the Lord is not misplaced trust because God will be our deliverer, our strength, and our salvation

**1 John 5:14-15**

* It makes sense to put our trust in God because He is someone who is trustworthy – He is someone willing to listen to us
* We can’t trust someone who doesn’t want our trust or respect – and how can we trust someone who doesn’t give us the time of day – someone who doesn’t listen?
* We know with certainty that that is not the way God is with us - we can have confidence the God hears us and listens to us – He is aware of our petitions and is always looking out for our best interest
* Whether we realize it or not God is listening and caring for us – and that is someone we should want to put our trust in

Trusting in God is Beneficial

**Psalm 13:3-6**

* Trust leads to joy
* David, in this Psalm, asks for God to hear him and consider his plea – “open my eyes” and “don’t let my enemies prevail” – there were all of these concerns that David had – “but I trust in you” – David trusted in the Lord and in His mercy – and this trust brings rejoicing, praising, and joy

**Psalm 40:3-5**

* Those who trust are blessed – David says blessed are those who aren’t respecting the proud – those who aren’t following lies and placing their trust in those of the world
* Blessed are those who are trusting in He who is truthful – blessed are those who are trusting in the One who has performed magnificent works and shown us His might and holiness – blessed are those who trust in the Lord

**Psalm 37:1-6**

* Trust in God will be rewarded – David says don’t worry about those around us – those who might do us harm – those who have evil intentions – let God take care of them, instead trust in God – keep God as our focus
* Trust in the Lord and do good and we will be rewarded – trusting in God leads to receiving what we need – trusting in God leads tp peace and happiness and righteousness

**Psalm 56:3-4**

* Trust in God puts away fear
* Whenever we are afraid or worried or concerned – whenever we are stressed or uncertain: Trust. In. God.
* With our trust placed firmly in God, we can rest easy knowing that the Creator of all things is with us – we can feel comforted knowing that being with the Lord means that no one can stand against us – standing with God, we no longer have a reason to be afraid: what can flesh do to me?

**Heb. 13: 5-6**

* It is comforting to trust in God – He will never leave us and He will never forsake us – He is always, always, always there for us
* And isn’t it comforting to know that the Almighty Creator of all things is always nearby, ready and able to help us through any situation – this verse refers to the Lord as our helper – God is our helper
* With God on our side – what do we have to fear – who do we have to fear?
* The question is posed: “what can man do to me?” – in the grand scheme of things – looking at the large scope that is eternity – our fellow man can do nothing of consequence to us – and that is comforting

**Rom. 8:31-39**

* Trusting in God is comforting and it also provides us with confidence
* No one can stand against us when we stand with Christ – when we are sided with God – no one can prevail against us because when we trust in God and follow Christ we become more than conquerors
* With our trust in God we can have confidence in our connection with Christ, knowing that nothing will be able to separate us from His love
* Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ – nothing can separate us from the love of God – and we can have confidence in our salvation

Trusting in God is Logical

**1 John 4:1-6**

* Do not trust blindly – God has not asked us to trust without proof – in fact we are to test and verify things
* Even though we live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7) – our trust is logical – just because we do not see Christ physically or physically see our hope of heaven, doesn’t mean that there is no proof – no evidence
* Some think that to believe in God, we must turn off our logical minds and start accepting anything and everything – and that couldn’t be further from the truth
* Christians should be critical thinkers – putting beliefs to the test – it is no good to simply believe whatever I tell you or whatever your friend tells you – we need to search the Scriptures like the Bereans in Acts 10:11 – search the Scriptures whenever someone teaches something to ensure that it is the truth – we are to be logical and critical
* Some state they will only believe if there is some kind of sign or message that is carved in the earth: “God was here”, but the truth is when we look at the earth and all that it holds, it points to a wonderful, loving Creator – and in fact, the message we find is even better: “God IS here”
* God is here – God is near – and we can and should trust in Him – of course, it is *necessary* that we trust in Him

Trusting in God is Required

**2 Cor. 1:9-10**

* On our own, trusting in our own understanding and our own strength, we had that sentence of death – we can’t make it when we trust ourselves
* But trusting in God is a different story – we can make it with our trust firmly placed in the Lord – as we’ve read earlier, when our trust is placed in God, we become more than conquerors – we become victors
* Trust is required for salvation – it is necessary for our deliverance from that death sentence – it is so important for us to trust in God

Conclusion

Trust is powerful and can be comforting and joy inducing, but that trust needs to be properly placed. Trusting in ourselves or our fellow man is shaking and uncertain – it leads to disappointment, stress, and fear. But when our trust is place in God, we can have confidence, joy, peace, and comfort. Trusting in God is commanded, it is good for us, it makes sense, it is logical, and it is necessary for our salvation. Let’s always place our trust in the Lord.