

More trust in God each day

Intro: Perhaps there is not a more profound contrast in the Bible than the faithfulness of God versus the unfaithfulness of man. Life itself offers us dozens of reasons not to put our trust in men--in their wisdom, in their judgment, in their help.

The "wisest" men of our age cannot agree on the most fundamental questions of life. Today's "answers" may be tomorrow's superstitions. Who can you believe?

And upon whom can you depend? Men do not always do what they say.

The untrustworthiness of men once prompted a distressed Psalmist to say, "All men are liars" (Ps. 116:11).

Broken promises, uncollected debts, broken contracts, unjust judgments, feelings of loneliness and abandonment remind us that men without the influence of God can not be worthy objects of our trust.

But consider, in contrast, a God "who cannot lie" (Tit. 1:2) and whose promises are not "yes and no" but always "yes" (2 Cor. 1:18-20). And consider Him about whom the Bible continually affirms, "He is faithful..." (1 Cor. 1:9).

From Genesis to Revelation God's people have been constantly urged to trust in Him. In both the OT and the NT the theme is the same, "*The just shall live by faith*" (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17). Is this the way you are living? Are you trusting Him?

We are truly spiritual only to the extent that we sense our utter dependence upon heaven for all that we have and all that we are. Consider with me then the need to trust His faithfulness in the varied circumstances of our lives. We need to:

Trust His justice in our persecutions.

Sometimes people do wrong things to us even though we did no wrong. Sometimes they do not give us justice. Sometimes we find ourselves in circumstances that are not fair.

In such times we need to learn to trust God. Trust Him to deliver you from evil when men may grant no justice.

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (Romans 12:19)

Waiting on the justice of God is a remarkable manifestation of trust. Do you trust God in this way?

Trust His wisdom in our decisions.

Sometimes we cannot know what the right thing to do is; and we don't get much help from the people around us. We may hear the contradictory

voices of "experts" on the subject. This too is a time when we need to trust God:

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5)

Ask in faith! Trust him to give you the wisdom to make the right decisions in life. Let your life be guided by His words of wisdom rather than the uncertain "wisdom" of "experts."

Who are we more likely to ask for guidance? God or Google?

Trust His grace in our failures.

Sometimes we may actually do things that are wrong; and men may not forgive. They may continue to hold against us wrongs of the past. This too is a time when we need to show our trust in God.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

By confessing our sins we show trust in God's desire and willingness to forgive; but we also show our trust in God's ability to change us for the better.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24)

Trust His providence in our daily needs.

Sometime people around us are unaware of our needs; so they are not supplied. Sometimes they can be the cause of our needs. This only shows that we cannot ultimately depend upon men for security.

Satan would hope to use these occasions of need and trial to cause us to lose faith in God and His ability to provide.

But rather than lose faith, we need to trust in God to provide.

Remember Abraham and the challenging command God gave for him to sacrifice his son. At the very moment Abram proved his willingness to obey God, the Lord intervenes and provided the offering for the sacrifice. In that moment Abram renamed that place in memory of God's provision and the ancient Hebrews coin a proverb to remind them of God's provision:

And Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide, as it is said to this day, "In the mount of the LORD it will be provided."

(Genesis 22:14)

Trust enables us to remember that:

Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow. (James 1:17)

Trust enables us to obey Mt. 6:33.

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

Trust His compassion in our adversity.

Surely if we live long enough, life will challenge us with burdens that seem beyond our strength. We may feel alone and that there is no one to help. In these cases also we need to trust God.

Trust God to find the way of escape from sin.

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Trust in God to deliver you from the evil thing.

I Will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

Trust His power in our weakness.

Sometimes we feel weak and unable to be what God wants us to be and we may feel others have failed to strengthen us. Though people may fail us, God will not.

Depend upon Him for strength to become what He plans for you to be. He promises:

...who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Corinthians 1:8-9)

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. (1 Peter 5:10)

Conclusion: Ironically, so many people put their trust in undependable men and refuse to believe the faithful God of heaven. We have a God we can trust. When we trust him we can enjoy a true peace regardless of life's circumstances.

"The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in Thee. (Isaiah 26:3)

Let me urge you to have more trust in Him. And when we do we will prove him to be worthy of our trust. And may we all be able to meaningfully sing:

"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!"