

TOTAL TRUST IN GOD

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One principle of success is to be sure we are looking to God Himself and depending upon Him and His power alone for all we desire. That is where the enemy is robbing the Christian world today. The natural man always wants to substitute man's power and plan; their heart is set on worshiping the creature more than the Creator. Human plans and human power will shut out the great power of God entirely.

We need to be very careful; Satan makes it very easy to make us think we are believing and depending on God, but deep down in our heart there may be a plan that we are depending on. Any oppression that we may go through, is usually caused by something, deep down in our hearts, where we may be looking somewhere else besides God for our spiritual, physical, or financial help.

We should settle it finally and forever, that we are going to go to God alone for that need. The moment we get our eyes on God alone, confidence will come in and Satan will be rebuked. The devil knows that when we are looking at the difficulty, he is in control.

If we feel that our faith is gone before we even start, we will only fail; but if we stop for a minute and place our trust in God to take us through, that spirit of doubt and fear will be rebuked, and His Spirit of confidence to believe for perfect victory will come at once. When we consider how great God really is and what He can do, we can't help but have confidence in Him.

Daniel 2:21, "He changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding."

You will notice in the Garden of Eden, everything was perfect, it was such a delightful place to be. There was no need for anything else to be there to trust in because God's resources are unlimited, and nothing can stop Him from supplying everything that may be needed or desired. God made and manufactured everything about us and said, "It was good."

When man got his plans and ideas in there, everything changed. Murder, fear, worry, anxiety, and every vile and foolish thing followed. And why? Because man is being trusted in instead of God.

The Bible points us to God for all our help Philipians 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

And also, in Luke 11:13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Very few people seem to be placing their trust in the living God, they are always wanting to glorify man or place their trust in something man has devised.

If we follow the example of the three Hebrew children, we can have the same protection they had. No fire could burn such a person, no loss, no harm, not even a hair to be singed; no ocean could even drown such a one. That is the protection of the 91st Psalm.

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty in him will I trust."

God's almighty power will overshadow the person who is in the secret place. That power of God is a cyclonic, irresistible force which scatters all other powers. Like dust being blown away by a strong gust of wind. That is what "El Shaddai" does to all the forces and power which are arrayed against us, as we trust in Him alone.

"I will say of the Lord," that is Jehovah, the One Who has undertaken the work of redeeming His people and never stops until the work is accomplished and we are safe in Glory.

"I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God....."

Elohim, the great and mighty Creator of the Universe, he is certainly One to be trusting in, One incomparably better to trust in than any pill or vaccine. The world today makes a big deal about vaccination, booster shots, and more.

Just think what God has done, made man of the dust of the earth, and woman from a piece of bone. Anyone who could make this Universe and uphold it by the Word of His power; create the moon, the stars; and such a furnace as the sun, which is always warming the earth without adding any fuel—do you think it would be folly to call it fanaticism to trust in such a One? It is certain to call it folly to trust in anything or anyone else. ".....my God, in Him will I trust."

We need to examine ourselves when we pray, to what, or to whom are we looking for our help? Anything or anybody we would place our trust in, besides the living God of the Universe, would be pure idolatry.

As we discover this idolatry and confess it, make our choice, and lose sight of every human possibility, source, and power, and say, "Lord, I am looking to Thee alone for my spiritual help and strength, and all my financial help."

As we take this attitude, God will back up our choice and determination, and before long we will have that perfect faith in God and find out that "His eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth to shew Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." (2nd Chronicles 16:9)

After we make our choice, His entire power is there to deliver us.

"Surely, He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence." (Psalm 91:3) We will be protected from any so-called disease or pandemic.

(Verse 4) "He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust." That is better than trusting in any vaccine or golden image that can neither see, nor hear, nor answer prayer.

(Verses 4-6) ".....His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day, nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

That is all the result of making a choice to trust God. (Verses 7-16) “A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the LORD, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.”

“Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.”

These principles all work together. We need to be sure that we accept the Blood as the only merit—not to depend on any merit of our own, nor try to commend ourselves to God by anything we do or see in ourselves. **The price has already been paid; we cannot pay for it again.**

When going through trial, any other dependence must be laid aside and a full dependence on the power of God alone must be made. People in the Bible got up and walked in full dependence upon God alone, when they were told. God’s life, health, and strength flowed in. We are not to get up and walk in our own strength, but in God’s strength. (2nd Corinthians 12:9) “... for my strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Caleb gave a great testimony considering the life and strength that he had received from the Lord in Joshua 14:7,8,10,11. He said, “Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart. Nevertheless, my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

(10-11) “And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty and five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now,

lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.”

Caleb had walked for forty years and yet at the age of eighty-five, he was still fit to go to war. Today they pick young men in their twenties for service; but here was Caleb at eighty-five and yet he was strong enough to go out to war.

(Verse 12) “Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the LORD will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said.

He proved by this statement that he really had the strength that God had promised to him. He said, “I know there are giants there, but leave that to me, that is nothing when the Lord is with me.” That is the secret of success, God was with him, and he depended fully on God’s strength alone. He was resting under the wings of the God of Israel, drove out the giants and took possession of the mountain.

These three principles work together. **First**, to be sure that we accept the Blood as the only merit—not to depend on any merit of our own, not to try to commend ourselves to God by anything we do or see in ourselves. **The price has been paid; we cannot pay it over again.**

Second, all other dependence must be laid aside and we are to depend on the power of God alone. When we try to manage things in our own strength, we seriously fail.

The **third** principle is to accept the Word, or promise, as sufficient evidence that our prayers are heard and answered, and our deliverance given.

We could not hear nor consider anything more valuable and important than these three principles of Truth, because they would deliver us out of all our troubles and save us for time and eternity.

Everything we have done in life was to find happiness, we are always looking for something to make us happy. We must come back to these three principles in order to get back to the Garden of Eden happiness.

We must make the choice to lay aside all sight and feeling and all the thoughts of our own mind, of which

most of the time, they are only suggestions of the devil anyway. Satan will use anything or anyone to get us away from the Word, because he knows that if he succeeds, we will come to the place where the Blood will not mean anything to us, and these promises which represent the Blood will mean nothing to us. The moment we brush the promises aside, the Blood goes with it.

Again, the three principles of Truth, to remember:

1. The Blood as the merit.
2. God alone is to do all the work.
3. The promises tell us that the work is done when we pray, and without any other sign, we are to accept that Word.

Because, as 2 Corinthians 1:20 tells us, “For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.”

The moment we pray as these promises direct, we know that we have the petitions desired of Him.

1 John 5:14, “And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:”

This is the boldness we have; this tells us that our prayers are answered at once when we pray, they already have yes stamped clearly on every prayer.

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