

BIBLE STUDY

WHO DO YOU TRUST IN?

PSALM 118:8: IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD THAN TO PUT CONFIDENCE IN MAN

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YOU MUST TAKE THE ANXIETIES TO JESUS, AND BELIEVE HE TAKES THEM, AND BEARS THEM FOR YOU....

_____, _____, _____,
_____ FOR _____.

****WORRY IS BLIND AND CANNOT DISCERN THE FUTURE. BUT JESUS SEES THE END FROM THE BEGINNING, AND HE HAS PREPARED HIS WAY TO BRING RELIEF. "SO MUCH TO DO!" YES; BUT WHO IS THE CHIEF WORKER? JESUS CHRIST YOUR LORD. HE OFFERS TO LIGHTEN THE LOADS WE CARRY BY PUTTING HIMSELF UNDER THE LOADS. ABIDING IN CHRIST, AND CHRIST ABIDING IN US, WE CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM, WHO STRENGTHENETH US.**

Highlights from Reading

_____ in _____ and _____ in _____,
_____, WE can do _____ through _____, who _____ us.

WHY WOULD THE PSLAMIST RIGHT THIS?

Psalms 118:8

IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD THAN TO PUT _____ IN _____

READ

Matthew 19:26

26 JESUS LOOKED AT THEM AND SAID, “WITH MAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.”

READ

MATTHEW 6:27-34

27 CAN ANY ONE OF YOU BY WORRYING ADD A SINGLE HOUR TO YOUR LIFE?

28 “AND WHY DO YOU WORRY ABOUT CLOTHES? SEE HOW THE FLOWERS OF THE FIELD GROW. THEY DO NOT LABOR OR SPIN. 29 YET I TELL YOU THAT NOT EVEN SOLOMON IN ALL HIS SPLENDOR WAS DRESSED LIKE ONE OF THESE.

30 IF THAT IS HOW GOD CLOTHES THE GRASS OF THE FIELD, WHICH IS HERE TODAY AND TOMORROW IS THROWN INTO THE FIRE, WILL HE NOT MUCH MORE CLOTHE YOU—YOU OF LITTLE FAITH?

31 SO DO NOT WORRY, SAYING, ‘WHAT SHALL WE EAT?’ OR ‘WHAT SHALL WE DRINK?’ OR ‘WHAT SHALL WE WEAR?’

32 FOR THE PAGANS RUN AFTER ALL THESE THINGS, AND YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWS THAT YOU NEED THEM.

33 BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL. 34 THEREFORE DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW, FOR TOMORROW WILL WORRY ABOUT ITSELF. EACH DAY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE OF ITS OWN.

LOOKING CONSTANTLY TO JESUS—NO MAN IS SO HIGH IN POWER AND AUTHORITY BUT THAT SATAN WILL ASSAIL HIM WITH TEMPTATION, AND THE MORE RESPONSIBLE THE POSITION A MAN OCCUPIES, THE FIERCER AND MORE DETERMINED ARE THE ASSAULTS OF THE ENEMY.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

7 FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND

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****LET GOD'S SERVANTS IN EVERY PLACE STUDY HIS WORD, LOOKING CONSTANTLY TO JESUS, THAT THEY MAY BE CHANGED INTO HIS IMAGE.**

***THE INEXHAUSTIBLE FULLNESS AND THE ALL-SUFFICIENCY OF CHRIST ARE AT OUR COMMAND IF WE WALK BEFORE GOD IN HUMILITY AND CONTRITION.—MANUSCRIPT 140, 1902 (NOVEMBER 6, 1902, PRINCIPLES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MEN IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY).**

IN TIMES LIKE THESE HOW DO WE LEARN TO TRUST IN THE GOD?

LEARNING TO TRUST IN GOD!!!

PROVERBS 3:5-6 KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

5 TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING.

6 IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.

1. DON'T DEPEND ON YOU

WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE TRUST MUST BE EARNED AND SEEMS TO BE IN SHORT SUPPLY. BUT SOLOMON, THE FAMOUS KING WHO WROTE PROVERBS, KNEW THAT TRUST IS EXACTLY WHERE WE MUST START:

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING (PROVERBS 3:5)

READ: PSALM 118:8(KJV)

8 IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD THAN TO PUT CONFIDENCE IN MAN

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PLACING OUR CONFIDENCE IN MAN?

READ: MATTHEW 10:28(KJV)

**28 AND FEAR NOT THEM WHICH KILL THE BODY, BUT ARE NOT ABLE TO KILL THE SOUL:
BUT RATHER FEAR HIM WHICH IS ABLE TO DESTROY BOTH SOUL AND BODY IN HELL.**

_____ not them which kill the _____, But are not able to
_____ the _____ : But father _____ which is
able to _____ both _____ and _____ in
_____ >

MOST OF US HAVE FACED DISAPPOINTMENTS, WHICH HAVE TAUGHT US THAT WE CAN ONLY DEPEND UPON OURSELVES. BUT LIVING THE LIFE GOD HAS CALLED US TO MEANS UNLEARNING THAT LESSON. INSTEAD, WE'RE MEANT TO REST IN GOD'S UNDERSTANDING.

WE MAY KNOW IN OUR MINDS THAT HE POSSESSES ALL WISDOM:

“OH, THE DEPTH OF THE RICHES OF THE WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD! HOW UNSEARCHABLE HIS JUDGMENTS, AND HIS PATHS BEYOND TRACING OUT!” ROMANS 11:33

BUT SOMETIMES TRUSTING HIM COMPLETELY LIKE THAT CAN BE TOUGH. SO, EACH DAY WE MUST CONSCIOUSLY LAY ASIDE OUR OWN PLANS AND EXPECTATIONS—AND SURRENDER TO HIS PLANS.

2. CRY OUT TO GOD

SURRENDERING TO GOD BEGINS WITH OUR LIPS AND OUR THOUGHTS. WE NEED MORE THAN A COMMITMENT TO DEPEND ON HIM; WE NEED TO CRY OUT TO HIM TO SHOW THAT DEPENDENCE.

(PROVERBS 3:6) “IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE YOUR PATHS STRAIGHT

WHEN WE PRAY, WE ADMIT THAT HIS WAYS ARE HIGHER THAN OURS. WE SHOW THAT WE'RE LEAVING OUR TROUBLES AND BURDENS AND DREAMS IN HIS CAPABLE HANDS. IN FACT, THE BIBLE PROMISES THAT WHEN WE REACH OUT TO HIM IN PRAYER, HE HEARS US!

3. RUN FROM EVIL

SO MUCH IN THIS WORLD CAN CLUTTER UP OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. JOHN, THE WRITER OF THE FOURTH GOSPEL, DESCRIBES THEM AS THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH, THE LUSTS OF THE EYES, AND THE PRIDE IN OUR LIVES (1 JOHN 2:16). IN OTHER WORDS, OUR BLESSINGS CAN EASILY BECOME OUR STUMBLING BLOCKS WHEN WE THINK OF THEM AS WHAT WE DESERVE OR WHAT WE NEED TO BE HAPPY.

INSTEAD, LIFE WORKS BEST WHEN WE REMEMBER THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR BLESSINGS—GOD—AND FOCUS ON THE THINGS THAT PLEASE HIM:

“DO NOT BE WISE IN YOUR OWN EYES; FEAR THE LORD AND SHUN EVIL.” (PROVERBS 3:7)

4. PUT GOD FIRST IN YOUR LIFE

IT'S EASIEST TO PUT OURSELVES FIRST. WHEN SOMETHING GOOD HAPPENS, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE OURSELVES WITH A REWARD. WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS, WE WANT TO CONSOLE OURSELVES OR FIND SOMEONE TO BLAME. IN OTHER WORDS, WE OFTEN HAVE A “ME-CENTRIC” STARTING PLACE.

(PROVERBS 3:9–10) **“HONOR THE LORD WITH YOUR WEALTH, WITH THE FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL YOUR CROPS; THEN YOUR BARNs WILL BE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING, AND YOUR VATS WILL BRIM OVER WITH NEW WINE.”**

IF WE CAN TRUST GOD WITH THE FIRST OF OUR WEALTH, WE'RE TRULY SHOWING HOW MUCH WE DEPEND ON HIM. HANDING OVER THE FIRST PART OF OUR PAYCHECK TAKES A HUGE AMOUNT OF FAITH, AFTER ALL. BUT DOING SO MEANS BEING GOD-CENTRIC.

5. CHECK YOURSELF BY GOD'S WORD

LET'S BE HONEST. WE AREN'T SO GOOD AT EVALUATING OURSELVES. WE WILL GO TO GREAT LENGTHS TO EXCUSE OUR BEHAVIOR, OUR ACTIONS, AND OUR SINS. WHO NEEDS A DEFENSE ATTORNEY WHEN WE CAN PRETTY MUCH FIND A REASON FOR ANY BAD THING WE DO? THE PROPHET JEREMIAH CAPTURES THIS VERY WELL:

“THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS AND BEYOND CURE. WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?” (JEREMIAH 17:9)

IF WE'RE EVER GOING TO TRULY TRUST IN GOD AND FLEE EVIL, WE HAVE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE STAND. WE HAVE TO FIND AN OBJECTIVE MEASURE THAT TELLS US THE TRUTH. AND THAT TRUTH COMES FROM GOD AND HIS WORD

6. LISTEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

WHEN JESUS PROMISED TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THE CHURCH, HE TOLD HIS DISCIPLES THAT THIS COUNSELOR WOULD BE THEIR SPIRITUAL COMPASS OR GPS:

“BUT THE COUNSELOR, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS AND WILL REMIND YOU OF EVERYTHING I HAVE SAID TO YOU.” (JOHN 14:26)

AS WE GO THROUGH OUR DAY, THIS SAME HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US, TOO. THAT MEANS WE DON'T HAVE TO GO IT ALONE OR HOPE WE'RE GETTING IT RIGHT. NO, THE HOLY SPIRIT LEADS US INTO ALL TRUTH AND PROTECTS US:

7. PRAY & READ GOD'S WORD DAILY

EVEN IN THE MIDST OF TURMOIL, GOD STICKS WITH US AND USES THOSE CHALLENGES TO SHAPE US. WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THAT, OUR PERSPECTIVE COMPLETELY FLIPS. NO LONGER DO WE SEE OUR SETBACKS AS FAILURES; WE SEE THEM AS MOMENTS WHEN GOD, AS OUR LOVING FATHER, WORKS ON US.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (ESV)

16 REJOICE ALWAYS,

17 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,

18 GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15 KJV

TO "STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH