



THE
FAITH
TO FOLLOW

THE COMMAND TO TRUST GOD

Anything short of obeying God when he instructs us what to do is a lack of trust. Trusting God is a faith that has confidence. Obedience is not an easy thing and at times it can be difficult, even awkward for us to act on.

Proverbs 3:1-8 KJV

[1] My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: [2] For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. [3] Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: [4] So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. [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. [7] Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. [8] It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

THE BASIS FOR OUR TRUST IN GOD

The basis for our trust in God is his sovereignty over all things. We don't and can't understand all of the reasons for God's actions. God sees forward when we only see the present.

Jeremiah 29:11 KJV

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.

God's consistency is what we can use as a foundation to depend on him. We should trust in God with ALL our heart, not just the part that understands him. Tithing is a test of faith where we may not understand at the time how it can all work out, but God is also involved and uses the act to demonstrate his faithfulness to us. This is how we can be assured it will ultimately work out.

Trusting and obeying God is also acknowledging God, which is important to our relationship to him. Making our paths straight is the way God directs us to fulfill the plans he made for our life; otherwise we can get distracted to the point of not fulfilling our purpose for which he created us. Distractions are easy to get caught up in, even enticing, but can be destructive.

A WARNING TO THOSE WHO FAIL TO TRUST GOD

Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. We are a fallen creature and left to our own understanding, we will always choose evil.

Genesis 6:5 KJV

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Therefore we have to continually fight against our fallen nature and seek the Lord with a deliberate focus and effort and trust in Him with our whole being using faith as a bridge during the times when we don't understand His ways. This is not only for our immediate health and well-being, but He sets a path for our eternal destiny as well, if we will obey His commandments in our life.

Leviticus 26:14-17 KJV

[14] But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; [15] And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but that ye break my covenant: [16] I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. [17] And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.

Proverbs 26:12 KJV

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Jeremiah 17:5-6 KJV

[5] Thus saith the Lord ; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. [6] For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Psalms 78:21-22 KJV

[21] Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; [22] Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

THE PROMISE TO THOSE WHO PLACE THEIR FULL AND UNYIELDING TRUST IN GOD

We can choose to walk in the ways of God or we can choose to live in a way that leans on our own understanding but in the end, only one of those paths will be fruitful.

Leviticus 26:3-10 KJV

[3] If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; [4] Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. [5] And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. [6] And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. [7] And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. [8] And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. [9] For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you. [10] And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 KJV

[1] And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: [2] And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.

Deuteronomy 30:9-10 KJV

[9] And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: [10] If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

The greatest compliment God can say to us when we stand before Him is, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25:23 KJV

[23] His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.