

YOU CAN TRUST HIM

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To trust is to have faith in someone or something. It is to have faith in another's honesty. It is to believe that the one you are dealing with is sincere, reliable, a man of his word that will not break promises.

Trust involves a working knowledge of the person you want to put your trust in. You can't trust the one you don't know. Knowledge precedes trust. Trust enhances fellowship and brings forth precious fruit from a relationship. Without love there can be no trust; without trust, there can be no enthusiasm in a relationship; And without enthusiasm, the relationship will be fruitless, and eventually die.

Trust is a conscious decision of the mind and heart which has great benefits. A man normally will decide to trust another after careful analysis of the available facts before him about the person in question. In this teaching, I am going to make certain facts available to you that will convince you to trust God with your life.

GOD IS NOT A MAN

Num 23:19

19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

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It is true that man is made in the image of God and after the likeness of God, but that does not mean that God is a man. It does mean that man has the image of God or rather, that man looks like God and is fashioned to act and live the life of God.

God is not a man. Man is human - is flesh and blood. Man is spirit, soul and body. Man is not perfect, but God is. God knows all things, understands all things and can do all things. God is infallible, but man is not. God is not flesh and blood, so He is not subject to the experiences that men have in the flesh. God is a superior being than man. In fact, He is the creator of not only man, but every other thing that exists today. God does not get tired, weak or die like men do. He is the most powerful being that exists, and there is no one to be compared with Him in any way.

God our God is the King of all kings, Lord of all lords, the Head of all principalities. He is the Alpha and Omega, the First and Last, the Beginning and the End and the Ruler of the whole universe. God Almighty is the Creator of all things visible and invisible, living and non-living. He is not a man. He has nothing to fear, and fears no one. It is men that fear Him.

Because He has no one greater than Him to fear, He can be trusted. He does not hold two or more opinions about a matter. He holds only one. Once He speaks, it is final. He does not change His mind about what He has already revealed His will about. Man for one reason or the other can change His mind; but God does not. That is why He has laws guiding every aspect of human life. That is also the reason why His promises are conditional. There is no promise in the Bible that doesn't have a condition that one must fulfill before it can be fulfilled in the person's life.

Anyone who cannot change his mind can be trusted. Anyone who cannot lie can be trusted. God does not lie because he has no reason to lie. There is no one greater than Him. There is no one who can query Him. There is no one that He fears or that may judge and punish Him. So he has no reason to lie. Men for fear or with intent to cheat another may, and do lie, but God has none to fear and cheats no one. There is no one greater than Him, so when He swears, He swears by Himself. God is neither a man nor the son of a man. He is God Almighty, the Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient. He can be trusted for He won't lie or change His mind.

GOD DOES NOT CHANGE

James 1:17

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

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Mal 3:6

6 "I the LORD do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed.

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God Almighty the Father of all those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour does not change. He is "*the same yesterday, today and forevermore*" (*Heb. 13: 8*). He declared with His own mouth through the prophet Malachi, "*I change not*". And James declares that He is the "*Father of lights with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning*".

James used light to describe the unchanging nature of God. He is not just a light, but the father of lights. God is the brightest light in the universe. Light is a symbol and reflection of Righteousness and holiness. He is the biggest and brightest of all lights. This light is not variable or in shades. It does not cast a shadow resulting from a turning.

All these means, that God remains constant. What He was yesterday is what He is today and that is what He is going to continue to be.

His opinion about you or any subject yesterday, is what it still is today, and that is what it will continue to be. His word, power, love, patience etc. remain constant day after day. His laws remain the same, His promises remain the same, and His abilities remain the same every passing day. He does not change, and cannot change. He will never change.

The book of revelation calls him the *“God who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty”*. (Rev.1:8). Our God is unchanging. He is the unchanging changer. He changes men and circumstances, but He Himself does not change. He has no shade or shadow.

He introduced Himself to Moses as the *“I AM that I AM”*. (Exodus 3:14). Yesterday, I AM; today, I AM; tomorrow, I AM. What He was yesterday, is what He is today, and is what He will be tomorrow. He can be trusted. Anyone who does not change in personality, opinion and power is worthy of your trust - He can never disappoint you. God Almighty will never fail you if you trust Him.

Since He does not change, it means we humans must take His laws and words serious. We must change to become what He wants us to be in life. Trust Him enough to revere and obey Him and you will win His favour and save yourself from His wrath that has been decreed.

GOD IS FAITHFUL

Ps 145:13

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

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Isa 55:9-11

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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Every word of God must be fulfilled because God is committed to His words. He is faithful to all His promises. He told Jeremiah in Jeremiah chapter 1 vs. 12 that He is watching over His word to perform it. God is concerned about His reputation as God. You can imagine how man will regard God if His word is always failing to come to pass. He will be disgraced, and will not be revered anymore. Because He is concerned about this, that is the reason why when Moses struck the rock for water to come out in the desert though he was commanded to speak to the rock, God still brought forth water for the people. He

knew that the people will not understand that Moses did not follow His instruction. So He had to perform the miracle to honour His name before the people and maintain His reputation as the faithful and Almighty God. After honouring His name and His servants before the people, He privately rebuked them for not doing what He commanded and told them they will die and not enter the promised land that they have worked so hard for, and it was so. Read (Numbers 20:1 - 13).

I want you to know that God is very concerned about His name and honour more than you are concerned about seeing the promises of God come to pass. That is why He says, *"I am watching over my word to perform it"*. King James Version of the same verse says, *"For I will hasten my word to perform what I have spoken"*. No wonder the Psalmist says He is *"faithful to all his promises"* (Psalm 145:13b).

In the passage from Isaiah quoted above, God says there that as the rains and snow fall to the earth and gives moisture to the soil, growth to the seed planted, and food to the eater before evaporating back into the heaven, so also the word that is spoken from His mouth, it shall not return to Him (God) void, but must accomplish its mission and prosper in that which it has been sent. The word of the Lord is creative in nature. Every word of God has the Life and Spirit of God in it.

Jesus said,

John 6:63

63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

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The words of God are never lifeless or powerless. They are always powerful and full of life. The word of God has power or ability to reproduce itself because the spirit and life of God is in His words.

It is impossible for God's word to fail to come to pass. God does not talk anyhow. He doesn't say things He doesn't mean. He says what He means, and means what He says. And He is always committed to whatever He says. Therefore His Spirit and Life in His word will quicken the word and make it come true at the appointed time set for it. So, if God says by His stripes you are healed, and you believe it and expect it to be so, that word will not return to God until it has made you whole. If God's word is that you will prosper in whatever you lay your hands to do, and you believe it and expect it to happen that way, that word will not return back to God until it has prospered you. As the rain must water the earth for fruitfulness in the land, so the word must produce what it has been spoken and commissioned to do.

Anyone who is faithful to His promises like God should be trusted. Trust Him for He is faithful to His laws and principles. He is faithful to His covenants. He is faithful to His promises. He is faithful to His creatures. He is faithful to His children. He is faithful to His friends. He is faithful to His people. He is faithful to those who trust in Him. He is so faithful, that even when *“we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself”* (2 Timothy 2 : 13).

TRUST HIM

Space will not permit me to give you more reasons why you MUST trust the LORD with your life. He is not only faithful but powerful. He is powerful enough to protect you from all enemies and attackers, He is the Omnipotent God (the all - powerful God), Omniscient God (All knowing God), Omnipresent God (Ever-present God). He is everywhere at the same time, sees all things and knows all things, and attends to all things at the same time. He is the most powerful and all powerful God. He is called the Almighty God. At his name, every knee bows both that which is in heaven and on earth and beneath the earth.

God is a covenant keeping God who never fails to keep His part of the bargain anytime, any day. You can trust Him for He is the God of love - the epitome of love. His love for you is strong that He offered His only begotten son on the cross so that you can be saved from your sins and its consequences. Anyone who can and has died for another can be trusted. You can trust Jesus with your life. For if He did not withhold His life which he gave to save you, what is it you need the He will not give you.

Surrender to Jesus Christ today as Saviour and Lord of your life. Follow Him with all your heart, and He will never disappoint you. Do it now and don't postpone action. Say out loud, "Jesus come into my life and save me from my sins and make me a child of God forever. I repent and confess my sins. I believe and confess that you died and rose again that I may be saved. Thank you for saving me. I am now a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Trust is dependence. To trust God is to depend on God, to look up to Him, to rely on Him, to fasten your eyes on God, to wait upon God. Trust God always in all things and you will testify that God is faithful and trustworthy. To trust God is a worthwhile venture. It is rewarding. Do it with all your heart, at all times, in all things, everywhere, and you will testify.