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## Trust That Is Not Disappointed

*“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man” (Psalm 118:8 NKJV).*

Trust defines life on Earth. To trust means you put faith in something—believe something that cannot be proven. Probably more than any other time in human history, the modern man claims to live his life without faith. These same people say they trust only what they can know, claiming to live their lives by facts and certainties, but in actuality their entire lives are built on faith—faith in things other than God.

Mankind cannot live without faith. For example, if you see, hear, or read something, you either BELIEVE it is true or not. Even if you check with an “expert” or society’s consensus, you are taking their word on faith, because you do not know if they made a mistake, are telling you the truth, or even know the answer. Mistakes, frauds, criminals, and conspiracies, make havoc of “certainty.” Sin plagues facts.

So, why do we trust who we trust? When we were children, we had no experience and didn’t know society’s consensus. We didn’t know a grape from a hand-grenade. As adults, we trust what we trust through repeatability, society’s assurance, and ignorance. We trust a car mechanic’s work, our pilot’s education, that the cook at a restaurant washed his hands, and that our babysitter is safe. Even a burglar breaks into a house in faith. Everyone has some measure of faith in their health, abilities, and strengths for success, and yet these things can fail us at any moment as they do in old age. If we’re really honest with ourselves, we know we take everything around us on FAITH.

Everyday, people put their lives in the hands of others, and everyday, people die because the things they put their faith in fail them. Why? *“Cursed is the man who trusts in*

*mankind And makes flesh his strength, And whose heart turns away from the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:5), for “the fear of man brings a snare” (Proverbs 29:25a).* God is saying people who trust in the flesh are already doomed because the flesh and all it does is doomed by sin. Mankind and mankind’s solutions are flawed through the effects of sin, so trusting in man always snares people because the things mankind puts his faith in will collapse suddenly in an instant (Isaiah 30:12b-13)—a reliable car becomes a death trap, a pilot makes a terrible mistake, a child dies in someone’s care. Only at these moments do people realize their trust was unwarranted, but it is often too late. Ignorance is bliss until calamity strikes.

Everyday, people trust in people and things to keep them from death. They listen to warnings and trust experts on safety, yet they do not trust the Words of God about the deadly peril of sin and the eternal cost in hell if they do not repent. They do not trust God’s own Son, Who is the only expert on sin, death, and life, having taken all sin upon Himself, having died, and having risen again. *“Without faith [in God] it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him” (Hebrews 11:6),* yet people would rather believe man and entrust their lives to strangers. We will always be disappointed in man, for his flaws will fail us, but as for Jesus, *“the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed’” (Romans 10:11),* for Jesus is *“without sin” (Hebrews 4:15);* thus, *“he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted” (Proverbs 29:25b) “in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began” (Titus 2:1).* While people trust their lives to men and man’s keys to problems, let’s trust our lives to Jesus, Who actually has the keys of hell and death (Revelation 1:18). Amen.

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