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THE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF GOD

Lesson 10

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In this lesson we want to discuss the trustworthiness of God. We have many wonderful hymns in the Christian faith which center around this theme:

"Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him,
how I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!"

"Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey."

No one who has trusted God has ever been sorry. Men will disappoint - you have found that out. No doubt some were religious men, some may have been good men, others may have been men who were your own kin, but *every man at his best state is altogether vanity* (Psalms 39:5). Only God is worthy of our absolute trust.

Before we can fully trust the Lord we must consider the revelation He has given to us. First, are His promises to be believed? Is God able to fulfill His promises? It is one thing to make promises; it is another thing to be able to carry them out. Is God able to fulfill His promises? Can we place our temporal lives, our earthly possessions, and our eternal soul fully in His hands? Will God be able to work out our destiny for us in such a way that our fondest desires will be realized?

Is He lovely and lovable? Can we safely love Him? Would not the word "adore" be a better word to express proper feeling toward God?

Worship is adoration expressed. But we cannot adore someone whom we cannot trust. We want to consider five points under this heading, with their accompanying scripture references.

1. God has made many wonderful promises, all after due consideration. Not one of them shall fail in the slightest degree. These promises may be delayed, as man considers delay. We learned in an earlier lesson that God, though He chooses to work according to the law of time, He is not bound by time, and He is certainly not obligated to do things according to our time frame.

In the fifth book of your Old Testament we find these words: *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth*

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covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations (Deuteronomy 7:9).

Notice what the Bible has said about God: He is faithful. If God has spoken, if God has entered into a covenant, if God has promised to do something, He will keep His word. He keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him.

The Bible reads this: ***For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death (Psalms 48:14).*** Now, if you trust your life to God, and trust God to lead, guide, and direct you through life, are you making a mistake? No, God is worthy of that trust. The psalmist says that He will guide us even to the very day of our death and, beyond that. He will be our God forever and ever.

In Deuteronomy we learned that He keeps covenants to a thousand generations, and in Psalm 48 we read that forever and ever He will be the trustworthy God.

In the New Testament is a wonderful, wonderful declaration. The Bible says. ***In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began (Titus 1:2).*** According to the written revelation that God has given to us of Himself (which has never been and never will be disproved, in one jot or one tittle). God cannot lie.

Here is the best way that I know to explain the verse at hand. If you are a man, not a woman (we are speaking in the physical sense), you cannot bear a child. You do not have within you the capacity for bearing a child. It is absolutely impossible for you to have a baby. In the same sense, God cannot tell a lie. He does not have within Him that which is necessary to do so. He is holy. He is true. He is altogether righteous. He cannot lie.

2. It is refreshing to study examples that show how God's promises are kept to the minutest detail after the passing of many centuries. Even though these particular verses we are going to read may promise judgment instead of blessing, they still bless our hearts, for they teach us that God keeps His word For example, in Ezekiel 26:4-5 we read, ***And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.*** Again, in Isaiah 13:19-20, we see: ***And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.***

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Today, nearly three thousand years after these words were spoken, Tyrus is a place where men spread their nets, and no shepherd pitches his tent in the sight of ancient Babylon. You say, "Why is that?" Because God said it would be so. When God says that a thing will be so, that thing WILL BE SO. It will come to pass. You can trust God.

3. God has never failed those who trust Him in any emergency, nor can He fail them, and still be God. We can trust Him for salvation as well as for everything that we need.

In Joshua we find an excellent verse of scripture: *There failed not ought of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass* (Joshua 21:45). Oh, isn't that a beautiful verse!

In Psalms 27:10 the scripture says: *When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up*. He has promised to be our heavenly Father. He has promised to bear us in His arms (Deuteronomy 33:27) and remember us as a nurse remembers her sucking child (Isaiah 49:15). He has promised to be *a friend that sticketh closer than a brother* (Proverbs 18:24).

He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). I do not know whom I am addressing just now, but I know of a certainty that religion breeds hatred. Bible-believing Christianity breeds love. Many of you have been raised in a religious system of hatred. I will tell you how I know that: if you were to trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, if you were to believe the God of the Bible and make Him your God and receive from Him His free gift of everlasting life, your father and your mother would cast you out of the house.

In some places your family would hold a mock funeral for you. You might be excommunicated from your village or lose your social standing. Others would find that in the very church you are now attending you would be persecuted and harassed if you were to be born again and start to live according to the precepts of the Holy Bible. Some of you may lose all your earthly possessions. You may even risk your life by becoming a true Christian. I am aware of this. All these deeds are fruits of religion. Religion kills! Religion hates! Religion is of the devil!

But Bible-believing Christianity is God loving man, drawing man by His love to the Lord Jesus Christ who laid down His life for you that you might be saved. Bible-believing Christianity is God, in love, forgiving your sins when you call upon Him, and making you His child. If you were to trust the Lord Jesus Christ, the beautiful promise of Psalms 27:10 would be yours. If you trust God, if you believe on His Son for your salvation, should your father forsake you, should your mother forsake you, the Lord will take you up. He will be your Father. He will be to you more than a mother could be. He shall

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be more than any friend or brother can be. He will be your all in all. You can trust God to care for you. You can trust God to love you, to guard you, to protect you, to bless you. You can trust Him fully.

In Philippians 4:19, we learn that not only can you trust God to save your soul, but Christ Jesus is also the means by which God supplies our every need. That wonderful verse says. *But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus* It is by His riches that God meets your needs. You may not see any way that you can meet your own needs, but it is so wonderful to know God, to look to Him and trust Him, for His riches are unlimited. He holds the worlds in the palm of His hand. God is lacking nothing. You can trust Him.

4. God's plan and purpose for us is that every right desire should be satisfied and that we should be supremely and eternally happy. I want to cite to you several verses along this line of thought: *Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore (Psalm 16:11). As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness (Psalm 17:15). He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Psalm 24:5). How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures (Psalms 36:7-8).* Who is this? Let us read again from verse 7: *How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! Therefore... men...trust.* Can you trust God? Will you trust God? Will you come just as a little chick races to the mother hen who spreads her wings over that little one and draws it up next to her side that it might feel the warmth, and the safety, and the security? Will you trust in the wings of Almighty God? Will you rest in Him and abide in Him?

Oh, what does the world have to offer you? Some of you have never become a Christian. You have rejected Jesus Christ. You have turned Him away because you don't want to give up some little thing, some little habit, some little pleasure, or some little activity. You are deceived. I must say, without apology, you are wrong. God gives fullness of blessing, fullness of pleasure, fullness of joy, fullness of happiness, and fullness of satisfaction. You know that no amount of things, activities, or pleasures in this world has ever given you such fulfillment. Things can never satisfy. Oh, how God wants to bless you, and you need only trust Him.

Look at another grand promise made to those who trust in God. *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, no crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away (Revelation 21:4).*

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That is my future. Is it yours? Let me repeat: God's plan and purpose for us is that every right desire should be satisfied, and that we should be supremely and eternally happy. If we will trust God, He will make it so.

5. To those who know Him best. God becomes the chiefest among ten thousand, the one altogether lovely. Read Song of Solomon chapter 5. Look first of all at verse 10: *My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand.* Now consider verse 16 of the same chapter: *His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.* Yea, He is altogether lovely. You know, the more you trust God, the more you take Him at His word, the more lovely you find Him to be. I am going to ask you to do something. Will you lay aside your skepticism and your doubts, and, with all your heart, trust God? Will you not seek to determine whether He is worthy of your trust?

Once someone picked up the Bible of an elderly lady, and upon looking through it noticed beside hundreds and hundreds of verses two letters written. By many she had placed a "T." By a goodly number of these she had written a "P" beside the "T." Someone asked her what was the meaning of those two letters written throughout her Bible. She replied, "When I come across a verse in the Bible and it is something I need, I go to God in prayer. I trust God to keep the word that He has promised in that verse of scripture. When I do that I write a 'T' next to the verse, meaning "*tried*". Many times before the passing of but a few days I will be able to take my pen and write a '**P**' next to the 'T.' 'T' for *tried* and '**P**' for "*proven*". I have tried my God, and He has proven Himself to be true."

On every hand men question the goodness of God. All that such men really need is to know Him. All who know God personally are loud in their praise of Him. There are many living about us who have trusted God to the uttermost, relying on His promises in the midst of severest difficulties, and their testimony cannot be ignored. Their testimony is that God is true. God is righteous. God is worthy of trust. Sometimes God does not deliver from physical suffering or death, as in the case of His martyrs, but all who have borne such suffering and have testified agree that His sustaining grace was present, making even their great sufferings a time of blessing and fellowship with their Redeemer.

God is not asking you to trust a man, a religious leader, a preacher, or a teacher. All of these we know to be just as weak and frail as we are. No, dear reader, God is asking you to trust Him. He cannot lie. He keeps His covenants. He does what He says He will do.

Not only is God asking you to trust someone who is worthy of trust but He is really asking you to do the easiest, the least, of all things. God is not asking you to work for Him, though once a believer you will delight to serve

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Him. He is not asking you to give gifts to Him and to His work, though once you come to know Him you will long to do this. He is not asking you to change your own life. He will change you, from inside to out, by His own great power.

Is God able to fulfill His promises? Can we safely trust our all to Him? Can we place our temporal lives, our earthly possessions, and our eternal soul fully in His hands? Will God be able to work out our destiny for us in such a way that our fondest desires will be realized? With many years of Christian life behind me, I can say with all certainty that our heavenly Father absolutely keeps His word. All of His promises can be safely and joyously trusted. All these blessings will result from your doing the least thing, the simplest thing, the one thing that God has asked you to do - trust Him. The Bible says, *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved* (Acts 16:31). The Bible says, *Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life* (John 3:16). The Bible says, *If thou shall confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved* (Romans 10:9). You are a sinner. You need to be saved. God said in His word that if you will come to Him and repent of your sin and ask Him to save you, that He will save you. Do you believe Him? Will you trust Him? He alone is worthy of your confidence.

Notes

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1. Are His promises to be believed?
2. Is God able to fulfill His promises?
3. Is God able to break His promises?
4. Can we place our temporal lives, our earthly possessions, and our eternal soul fully in His hands?
5. Will God be able to work out our destiny for us in such a way that our fondest desires will be realized?
6. Is He lovely and lovable?
7. Can we safely love Him?
8. What is the meaning of "adore" in this Lesson?
9. Do you trust your life to God, do you trust God to lead, guide, and direct you through life _____? Are you making a mistake _____?
Why?
10. Can GOD tell a lie? Explain the example given in this lesson.
11. Explain the **T** and **P** story:
12. What is the Bible trying to show us in Song of Solomon chapter 5?
13. What was the purpose of this Lesson?

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14. What is the key scripture passage in this Lesson?
15. Explain the scripture Philippians 4:19
16. Does Philippians 4:19 apply to the non-believer also?

True/false

- Religion is GOD working in you
- We can trust GOD for everything, except our finances
- When a martyr is dying GOD has to turn away so He does not look upon death
- If I trust in the God, everybody will love and respect me more.



Scripture memorization Revelation 21:4; Psalm 16:11; Psalm 24:5
(write out these verses on the back of this page) must be in KJV