

Trusting in the Lord

INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY ON THIS MATTER.

The word "Trust" in the bible appears 188 times in the bible of which there are 153 uses in the OT and 35 times it is used in the NT.

So clearly the word has a lot of meaning in the bible.

Also amongst the greater use of this word in the bible it is mentioned 70 times alone in the book of Psalm.

- If this word is mentioned so many times, clearly it has an important use.

Well today we are going to look at some of those important mentions to help us understand why the bible uses it.

Ephesians 1:12 (KJV)

That we should be to the praise of his glory, **who first trusted in Christ.**

The NIV has this to say of this verse.

NIV in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.

- This does not mean the same as what the KJV said.

Ephesians 1:13 (KJV)

In whom **ye also trusted**, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also **after that ye believed**, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

NIV

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,

- This does not mean the same as what the KJV said.
 1. Sadly the NIV does not combine the word trust and believe in the same sentence.
 2. But from the KJV you can see that trusting in the Lord is the same as believing in the Lord.

- You can believe a lot of things in your life. But never put your trust in those things.
 - The devil believes in God, but he never puts his trust in the Lord.
 - So to can a person believe in Jesus but does not mean that he puts his trust in Jesus to save him.
1. If you believe in Jesus you should also trust in him for everything.
 2. You see trusting in Jesus takes another step in your faith. It means that you are willing to put everything into Jesus, and trust that what he said he will deliver.
- Jesus never promised you riches but he did promise to take care of all our needs. He never promised to make us rich.

When we look at the scripture in Luke 18.....

Luke 18:9-14 King James Version (KJV)

⁹ And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

¹⁰ Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican.

¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican.

¹² I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess.

¹³ And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

1. I don't doubt for one minute that the Pharisee was telling the truth. But the truth was that he was "trusting in himself".
2. Yes he must have been righteous in his own eyes, because that is what he said. But that was not sufficient to call upon God's mercy. He was trusting that because he kept the law and all those laws, in his eyes he thought that he was going to heaven.
3. A lot of people if you were to ask them the question that if they were to die right now where would they go. Would they go to heaven or to hell? And they will say heaven. Because what they will say is that they have been such a good moral person in society and have never done anything to make themselves guilty of any offence.
4. But yet that will not be sufficient. You see this is what the Pharisee thought. He thought that if he could just be a good person it would be sufficient. But that mean that he, and those people who think that they have done nothing wrong,

have trusted in themselves. And Jesus told the Pharisee and is telling those who trust in themselves that it is not sufficient to enter heaven.

5. But as Jesus said in the parable. That the publican was justified because he was trusting in Jesus. Because he asked God to be merciful to him a sinner.
- **You see trusting in Jesus, means that you not only believe in Him, but that you are trusting Him with your salvation.**

Mark 10:24

And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!

- The contrast of faith is seen in the ability to trust Jesus who is God. We see so many verses used by the apostles to that effect in the NT.

1 Timothy 4:10

For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.

- Again trust and believe is used interchangeably in the same sentence.
- But in the NIV this is not the case.

NIV That is why we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

- So many times in the NT the Apostles warn about putting your trust in the things of this world as if they are good for you, and as if they will save you. And Timothy is one of those apostles who warn us not to trust in riches.

1 Timothy 6:17

Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

- ❖ When it comes to trusting this word (trust) helps to explain to us how we are to engage with the Lord in our everyday relationship with him.
- ❖ Even in the OT with regards to the woman of husbands who believed in the Lord just the way they believe in the NT, that the scriptures shows us that believing in God created a trust relationship with him for their salvation. It also shows that because they trusted in God it helped to draw their husbands to believing in God.
- ❖ This verse also shows us the relationship of the believing women to those in Abraham.

1 Peter 3 King James Version (KJV)

3 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

² While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.

³ Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

⁴ But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

⁵ **For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God,** adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

⁶ Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

⁷ Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1. Here is another verse which shows us that “trusting in Jesus” is the same as “believing in Jesus”.
2. And this verse is found in John and it used by Jesus to show the Pharisees their unbelief.

John 5:44-46 King James Version (KJV)

⁴⁴ How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?

⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, **even Moses, in whom ye trust.**

⁴⁶ **For had ye believed Moses,** **ye would have believed me;** for he wrote of me.

- ❖ What about another trusting verse in the book of Romans speaking about salvation that come to the Gentiles.

Romans 15:12

And again, Esaias saith, **There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.**

1. Jesus was that root out of Jesse. And the bible said that the Gentiles would trust in Him.
2. Even in the OT there are so many verses calling for people to trust in God. Which is the same as believing in God for your salvation. Not just a belief, but in faith “believing” that he will save us.
3. In the book of Proverbs there is a famous quotation for us all to remember. A verse that speaks to man itself. That he should not believe in himself. But that he should believe in God.

4. But what does man teach man to do in psychology. He is taught to trust in himself. But this is not what we hear from the bible.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

5. We are told to “**trust**” in the Lord. And not to trust in ourselves. In fact we are told in verse 6 to..... **6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**

✚ So.....according to God he is our protector and our savior.

Proverbs 28:26

He that **trusteth** in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

Proverbs 30:5

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their **trust** in him.

- In the OT trusting in God, was showing that they believed in the Lord.
- Here are verses which show that.

Psalm 2:12

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their **trust** in him.

Psalm 4:5

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your **trust** in the LORD.

Psalm 5:11

But let all those that put their **trust** in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

Psalm 7:1

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my **trust**: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

Psalm 9:10

And they that know thy name will put their **trust** in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

Psalm 11:1

In the LORD put I my **trust**: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?

Psalm 13:5

But I have **trusted** in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

Psalm 16:1

Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my **trust**.

Psalm 25:2 O my God, I **trust** in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me.

- ✚ In the OT, those 70 times in the book of Psalms that we read about is of David being blessed by God.
 - ✚ God said that “David” was a man after Gods own heart. And why do you think that God said that.
6. Well **David was a believer first of all**. He was a just a little boy tending his father’s sheep. But David had a heart for God through hearing the Word of God been spoken of by the prophets of God.
 7. And as a boy growing up, he never thought of himself to be worthy of anything.
 8. Even when he came up against Goliath he turned to God for help.
 9. In the book of 1 Samuel we can read about the heart of David in defeating Goliath.
 10. David did it for God. He never did anything for himself.

2 Samuel 22:3

The God of my rock; in him will I **trust**: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

2 Samuel 22:31

As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that **trust** in him.

- When we look at the story of David and goliath, we see it was David that “trusted” in the Lord.

1 Samuel 17:29-51 King James Version (KJV)

²⁹ And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

³⁰ And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

³¹ And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

³² And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

³³ And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

³⁴ And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

³⁵ And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

³⁶ Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

³⁷ **David said moreover,** The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

³⁸ And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

³⁹ And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him.

⁴⁰ And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.

⁴¹ And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him.

⁴² And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

⁴³ And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

⁴⁵ Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

⁴⁶ This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day

unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

⁴⁸ And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine.

⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.

⁵¹ Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.

1. The battle in this life is the Lords battle against all evil.
2. If we will turn and trust in him. It is his battle.
3. And if we will trust in him he will deliver us.
4. He will save us in salvation.

David was simply a man after God's own heart, that is why God said that about David.

Even as a king, David would sit on the throne of God.

Acts 13:21-23 King James Version (KJV)

²¹ And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

²² And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

²³ Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:

- David showed God that he "trusted" in him for everything.
- That is why he was trusted by God.
- God trusted David in the same way, that is why Jesus would come from the seed of David.

HOW ARE YOU TRUSTING "GOD"?

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