

## *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

5.28.2023

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

In God We Trust

### Psalm 18: 2

What is the official motto of this great country that we live in. In God We Trust. This is also the motto of many other countries around the world. In 2019 a poll was taken and 90% of all Americans supported the statement, In God We Trust. Is there a difference between making a worldly statement and professing a spiritual fact. Sure, there is. Anybody can make the statement that In God We trust, but only those, who by faith believing, those who have accepted Christ as their personal Savior can truly profess In God We Trust, as a spiritual fact. But do not be fooled, all who profess to believe in Christ do not profess it truthfully. So, what does it take to have a truthful profession of In God We Trust. Just being told to have faith, and to trust in God is easier said than done. The word of God does not state that having faith in Christ will be easy, in fact it states just the opposite, that there will be trials, tribulations, heartaches, burdens, and temptations that will lead to trying times in our lives, but one thing the word of God does promise unto us is that through obedience to his word, it will be worth it all.

**Romans 8: 18,....**for I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Only God knows what is best for our life. When we feel like life's goals are hard to achieve, or even impossible at times, remember, all things are possible with God.

**Matthew 19: 26,....**Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible....

God knows everything that we have been through, everything that we are going through, and all that we will ever go through. Christ knows the best way to handle every situation in our life, so that we may receive the greatest of rewards, and an outcome that will glorify God. Having faith in God, means trusting completely and wholly in Him, for he knows exactly what he wants for our life, and he has a purpose that has been planned since before the foundation of the world.

**Ephesians 1: 4 – 5,....**he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be Holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us....

God knew from the beginning the choices each one of us would make, therefore he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world so that we could be holy and blameless before him. Some will argue that God chose some to be saved and some not to be saved, but the truth is, God chose all mankind to be saved, but in order to do so, mankind must use their freewill of choice to respond to the truth of the gospel, through faith believing in Christ Jesus. Everyone who has chosen Christ, was chosen by God, before the world began.

**Psalms 18: 2,....**the Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverance, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust, my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower....

We cannot trust what we do not know, and that is the secret of learning to trust in God. Trusting in God will come affectively when we understand why we should trust in him. We trust in God because he is worthy of our trust.

**Revelation 4: 11,....**thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour, and power, for he that has created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created....

God is omnipotent, which means that he has the power to bring to pass that which he plans and purposes to do. Furthermore, his plans are perfect, they are holy, and they are righteous, and he works all things together for good to those who love him and are called according to his holy purpose....

If we desire to know God through obedience to his word, our trust in him will grow daily. Gods' promises are recorded in his word for all of humanity to see. So, should we trust in ourselves, even in our bad choices, which are unpredictable, unreliable, with limited wisdom, or do we trust in an all wise, all knowing, all powerful, gracious, merciful, loving God who has nothing but eternal plans of good intentions for all of humanity.

**Psalm 40: 1 – 2,....**I waited patiently for the Lord....he....heard my cry....he brought me up....out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay....and established my goings....

Patently waiting upon God, means fully trusting and believing in him to deliver us from any and all difficulties that we may experience in our life, and to do so without disappointment.

**Psalm 121: 8,....**the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forevermore....

It is humanities tendency to look for help in all the wrong places. We try to solve our own problems, in our own strength, and according to worldly wisdom and knowledge. We attempt to find joy and happiness by experimenting with all that the world has to offer, but all of these solutions will fall short. We need to put our faith and trust in God, for true help only comes from the Lord.

**Psalm 56: 3 – 4,....**what time I am afraid, I will trust in thee....In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust....

Often time, in our life, there will be circumstances that will cause us to react with worldly fear. How do we deal with worldly fear, other than just trying to avoid it?

**1 John 4: 18,....**there is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear....

Whenever we find ourselves in situations beyond our control, turn to the one who is always in control. Instead of allowing difficulties to stir up our worldly emotion of fear, let us allow these difficulties to drive us directly into a greater relationship with God, and it must come through prayer, and obedience to his word.

**Hebrews 4: 16,....**let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace in our time of need....

Anxiously is not the way to come to God, because anxiety brings about doubt and fear in our life. We are to come to God with confidence, and this confidence is founded upon what Christ has done for us on the cross, and our assurance firmly stands in his resurrection. As believers, we must hold firm to our faith, by choosing to follow the pathway of righteousness that God has prepared for us. Following Christ is all about putting our complete faith and trust in him, remembering that we have continuous access to God's grace, so that we might take all of our needs and cares straight to him. God is always there to help us in our time of need, and knowing this gives unto us the confidence to profess to the world, that yes, In God We Trust.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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