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**Can He Trust You?**

**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. -** Psa. 125:1 NIV

The scripture today is the first verse of Psalm 125 that has definite information on what advantage there is for those who trust in the Lord. That verse and the second verse state emphatically the benefit that accrues to those who trust and are trusted by the Lord. Those opening verses reveal a clear picture of the intention of the writer of this psalm, who although is not clearly stated but definitely must be one with a personal experience of what trust in the Lord produces.

Trust of anyone by anyone remains a major habit that must exist if any relationship is to have meaning. Although the trust may not be with regards to all areas of the relationship, its existence is very important in relevant areas of the relationship. Using the relationship between the Almighty God and man as an example, God is not expecting that a lazy person should trust Him for food irrespective of his/her professed love for Him just as it is not possible to trust God for beans when all you have planted is corn. Both situations will be trust based on wrong foundation. Trust has to be based on knowledge of who the one to be trusted is and the capacity of such a person. It does not just stop there, it extends to what the one being trusted and who has the above stated capabilities, has promised to do, as knowing that the person to be trusted has all those abilities does not indicate willingness on the part of such a person to make them available to the one that is trusting. Conclusively, trust must be based on knowledge. To trust God for a promise He made to someone else will be a wrong trust. Each person in a relationship must earn trust, either as the one trusting or the one to be trusted and this also applies to human relationships with the Almighty God.

With regards to Christians and the Almighty God, the Almighty God has over centuries proven Himself with regards to what He can do, what He will do and what He will not do. It may be true that He can do all things but to rely on that scripture in all situations may be the path to a disappointing and frustrating relationship with him because there are so many things that God will not do, even when He has the capacity or there is sufficient evidence that He did it for others. It may not necessarily be due to reasons of transgressions but may be due to other factors better known to Him. To trust Him in a situation therefore will not be to limit His options to your preferred solution. To trust Him in your relationship with Him will mean that you leave Him to decide whether your request should be granted, when and how it should be granted, even when He is well positioned to grant it.

To trust Him is to admit that He will always have your back irrespective of the situation. It is to mean that you only present your situation to Him and leave Him to proffer the solution which may not necessarily be along the lines of your thoughts. All these become necessary because just as He is trusted to do all that is requested of Him in prayer, He also, not only needs to ensure that He provides long life, good health, etc., which the one who trusts in Him has also requested for, either at that point of prayer, earlier before that time or as an automatic responsibility of Him as the senior partner, in that relationship.

There is also the need for the one who is trusting to have earned the trust of the Almighty God. Like earlier mentioned, trust is a two way street and so, just as man is trusting God to have all those requests granted, there is also the need for man to prove to God that he/she is trustworthy in terms of how what is being requested will be deployed – Jms. 4:1-4. One who is not trusted by the Almighty God cannot receive anything from the Lord by simply trusting Him. Can He trust you, even to remain loyal to Him after receiving that request? Can He trust you that you will use what you are asking for in manner that will bring glory to His name, after all He will be seen as the one who enabled you if you eventually misuse that granted request. As much as Christians are being encouraged to trust in the Lord, they should also be encouraged to present themselves trustworthy to the Him.

There is a lot to gain by creating this level of relationship with the Lord. The psalmist in today’s scripture says those who are able to build this level of relationship will enjoy two levels of Grace from the Lord.

1. They will be like Mount Zion – Ps. 125:1. So what is the relevant characteristic of Mount Zion that is in reference in this verse? The Psalmist says Mount Zion cannot be moved as it is eternal. What a huge Grace that all who require stability in life must aspire to enjoy. It is a promise of stability in all areas of life including marital stability, financial stability, stable health, stable family, etc., irrespective of the challenge. The psalmist says no matter the weight of the challenge, wave after wave, such a person will remain eternally stable and will not be shaken.
2. They are eternally surrounded by the Lord just as the Mountains surround Jerusalem – Ps. 125:2. This is another huge Grace that becomes available to those who trust in the Lord and have earned His trust. That is an indication of the level of protection that remains eternally available to those who trust in the Lord. In such situation there is no fear of any type as the raging enemies cannot touch such an individual.

Could lack of trust between you and the Almighty God be the reason why that adverse situation is hitting you this bad? Could it be the reason why every arrow of the enemy seems to have unfettered access to you? Assess the level of trust that exists in your relationship with God. Do you trust Him enough? Does He equally trust you? Resolving this issue of trust may just be the required solution to that constant bashing that you are receiving from those enemies and situations. He needs to trust you to come into those situations. Work on that relationship today as I pray that He will help you to strengthen the cord of trust between both of you in Jesus name. Amen.