

I TRUST IN GOD

Isn't it wonderful to be in a relationship where you can confidently depend on the other individual? Knowing that someone always "has your back" is most reassuring. The problem, though, in human relationships is that they are between humans. As humans, we don't always make the best decisions. We disappoint each other and ourselves sometimes. We make life messy.

There is someone, however, on whom we can always depend, one who is completely trustworthy, and one to whom we may turn at any time and every time. He is the LORD. In Psalm 25, David expresses his complete confidence in Yahweh.

In verses 1-3, he proclaims his trust in the LORD. It may not always look like righteous people win, but God will ultimately right all the wrongs. Those who trust in themselves may prosper momentarily in this life, but only those who trust in the LORD will prosper eternally.

In verses 4-7, we see the LORD's instruction. No one is going to follow someone in whom they have no confidence. Because of his trust in God, David desires to learn from his instruction and follow his word. By following these, he continues to grow and mature.

In verses 8-15, David links God's trustworthiness with faithfulness. These can be synonymous words and also like two sides of the same coin. In this case, a person's faithfulness flows out of God's trustworthiness. You are not likely to put much faith in someone who has not proven themselves to be trustworthy.

Finally, in verses 16-22, David appeals to the LORD in whom he has complete trust. Our confidence in God is justified. It is by his grace that we are saved. It is upon him we can cast all of our cares. It is he who will see us through every trial. God, through Jesus, has redeemed us. Why would you trust in anyone or anything else?

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