

# TRUST, HOPE and FAITH in the Integrity of the LORD's Name

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## PART 1: TRUST IN THE LORD/HIS NAME – OUR RESPONSE

### 1. God Created Mankind to be Dependent Upon Him

Psalm 9:10 And those who **know Your name** will put their **trust in You**; For You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You.

Proverbs 18:10 - The **name of the LORD** is a strong tower; The **righteous runs** into it and is safe.

- God created us to be in a dependent relationship with Him. God never intended us to carry life and its complexities in our own strength.
- Throughout Scripture, God is through His Word continually instructing, inviting, and imploring His people to respond to Him. Examples:
  - To faithfully obey / Diligently harken to the voice of the LORD Deut 28:1
  - Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Ps 96:9
  - Fear the LORD...stand in awe of Him. Ps 33:8
  - Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS. Again I will say, Rejoice Phil 4:4
  - Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify me. Ps 50:15
  - Trust in the LORD with all your heart... Prov 3:5
  - Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest Matt 11:28
  - He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Ps 91:1
  - ...those who wait on the LORD shall renew *their* strength... Is 40:31
  - Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:8
  - Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Matt 7:7
  - Fear not, only believe... Luke 8:50
  - Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Eph 6:10
  - I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Ps 15:8

## 2, God is our Sufficiency

- God is first and foremost The Lord God Almighty/The Sovereign God. He is the Creator of the world and all things in it. He is our Master, our Lord and Savior, our Abba Father and Shepherd...He IS our EVERYTHING – our Source. He is our **Sufficiency**
  - 2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,
  - (CEV) We don't have the right to claim that we have done anything on our own. God gives us what it takes to do all we do.
  - Acts 17:25...He gives to all life, breath, and all things. v28...for in Him we live and move and have our being...

### 2a, The opposite to being dependent is being independent - The Folly of Independence from God

- **Rebellion - Example: Adam and Eve (The Fall).**
  - Definition: Rebellion is resisting God's authority, rejecting His design.
  - Hebrews 3:15 Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."
- **Pride - Example: Lucifer.** Pride exalts 'self' above God.
  - Definition: heart posture that displaces dependence on God. An overestimation of self; an inflated sense of one's own worth, abilities, or accomplishments. It places confidence in self rather than in God.
  - Proverbs 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty/arrogant spirit before a fall.
  - James 4:6 God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- **Unbelief - Example: Children of Israel in the Wilderness.**
  - Hebrews 4:2 For we have heard the Good News, just as they did. They heard the message, but it did them no good, because when they heard it, they did not accept it with faith.
    - NKJV ...not being **mixed with faith** in those who heard it.
  - Definition: in a biblical context, refers to the lack of trust in God and His promises. Unbelief, doubts, questions, rejects divine truth - God's integrity, His character, and His ability to do what He has said.
- God created us to trust in Him, to have hope in His Promises and respond in FAITH – this is the dependent relationship we are designed to have with our Creator.

### **3, Faith – Responding to and with the LORD’s NAME**

#### **3a Hannah - 1 Samuel 1:1-18**

- We find Hannah in a state of weariness, a grieving heart and bitterness of the soul, sorrowful spirit.
- She ‘wept in anguish’ to the LORD, ‘Poured out her soul before the LORD’.

#### **3b David - 1 Samuel 17**

- David was indignant at Goliath's defiance and went out in the authority and boldness in the name of His Living God.
- It was trust in God and hope in Him that caused both Hannah and David to respond with FAITH to God. Both being dependent upon the LORD. One cried out in grief to the LORD, the other stepped out with confidence in the name of the LORD

**When Trust is IN the LORD, and our hope IS the LORD, faith moves us toward Him.**

- Why could and did Hannah have FAITH to cry out to the LORD in her anguish and weariness? Why could and did David have FAITH to step out in confidence and take on a giant?
- They KNEW the NAME of THE LORD, they KNEW their COVENANT with HIM, they knew His Reputation, they knew His Character and Nature, they Knew His sovereignty and might, they knew their DEPENDANCY upon HIM. He was their sufficiency.
- When we KNOW who GOD IS then we can TRUST HIM, when we KNOW what HE HAS PROMISED in His WORD then we can put our HOPE IN HIM – And we can RESPOND in FAITH.

### **PART 2 THE LORD’S NAME - OUR GUARANTEE**

#### **1, To Know the Lord; to know His Name**

- To order to have trust in someone, and to have hope in what they say; their promises - we need to know WHO this person IS...Who are they?
  - Trust definition (Bible Hub): refers to a firm belief in the reliability, truth, ability, and strength of someone. It is a foundational element of faith, representing confidence and reliance (DEPENDENCE) on God and His promises. Trust is both an attitude and an action, reflecting a deep-seated assurance in God's character and His Word.

How do we get to know God...so we can trust Him?

## 2, God's WORD and The LORD's NAMES Reveal His Character

- God has declared and revealed Himself through His WORD and through His NAMES.
- Biblically, a name spoke of nature, character, reputation, authority, power, status even destiny

## 3, Personal Names of God

- Exodus 3:14-15 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."
  - (Bible Hub) Yahweh/Jehovah signifies God's eternal, self-existent nature and His unchanging character. The name is associated with God's holiness, sovereignty and covenant faithfulness.
- Jehovah Jireh – The Lord Sees/Provides – Gen 22
- Jehovah Rafeh – The Lord our Physician/Healer – Ex15:22-27
- Jehovah Nissi – The Lord my Banner/Victory/Standard – Ex 16:8-16
- Jehovah Shalom – The Lord our Peace – Judges 6:24
- Jehovah Rohi – The Lord is My – Psalm 23
- Jehovah Tsidkenu – The Lord our Righteous – Jeremiah 23:6
- Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There – Ez 48:35
- Jehovah Tsebaoth /Sabaoth – The LORD of Angel Armies / The LORD of HOSTS/Commander of Heaven's armies – 1 Samuel 1
  
- To know His Name is to know who He IS/HIS NATURE. And the more we know who He is, the more we trust Him, have hope in Him and respond/be dependent on Him in faith

## 4, Two Immutable/unchanging things – God Promised and God made an Oath on His Own Name

- Hebrews 6:13 & 18 NASB
  - v13 - For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear an oath by no one greater, He swore by Himself.
  - v18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to hold firmly to the hope set before us.

## 5, A simple yet profound statement that was declared by God Himself

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