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Background Reading:

- ❖ Proverbs 3:5-6
- ❖ Psalm 125:1
- ❖ Jeremiah 39:18
- ❖ James 1:2-4
- ❖ Romans 5:3-6

Devotional Reading:

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Background Reading

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Psalms 125:1 They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Jeremiah 39:18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord.

Background Reading

James 1:2-4

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Romans 5:3-6

3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Devotional Reading

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

- 1** Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:
- 2** Grace be to you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3** Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
- 4** Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
- 5** For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

Devotional Reading

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

Devotional Reading

2 Corinthians 1:1-11

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Central Verse

2 Timothy 3:1

“This know also, that in the last days
perilous times shall come”

INTRODUCTION

Believers know that the End Times will bring many challenges, trials, and tribulations. With all the changes that are happening, they know that their hope, trust, and expectation must be in the Lord, Jesus Christ. Trust is an especially important element in the life of any believer. For they that trust in the Lord shall be like Mount Zion which cannot be moved. God has made many promises to the believer, but he must trust and obey God. If he trusts and obeys God, God will come through for him every time. Paul told the Saints that God would comfort them in their tribulation. He encouraged the Saints to remember how Jesus stood steadfast and remember that, with the power of God, they could do the same thing (2 Corinthians 1:1-7).

INTRODUCTION

So, believers must trust in the Lord, for He is God, and Jesus is the King. God is the great "I Am," the everlasting Father, a fortress, a strong tower, and our very present help in times of trouble. When perilous times come, God will lead believers through the perils. Leadership requires trust. Proverbs 3:5 declares, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart," meaning that the believer must trust God with every aspect of his life, for God knows them better than anyone. He is the Creator, and He holds the truth in His hands.

DISCUSSION

Trust is a choice that God gives to each person. He allows each person to choose to put his trust and hope in man or the believer can choose to put his trust and hope in the Father. When a believer trusts in God, He makes the believer's path smooth and straight. When perilous times come the believer must never depend on his own understanding, but he must wholly depend and lean on God. The believer must make his decision to trust God when things are good and when they are bad. He chooses to delight in the Lord by disregarding the times that he lives in and surrendering his heart to Christ. Christ will align the believers' ways with His heart so they will reflect the character of His heart as He leads and develops the believer's heart.

DISCUSSION

Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey Him. It doesn't matter what season the believer finds himself in, he must remember that he has been called to a life of trusting and obeying the call of God. God will help him navigate his life of obedience through the perilous, stressful, painful, and exhausting times. The Word encourages the believer to count it as joy when enemies come in perilous times, for he should know that God is working out something good in his life.

DISCUSSION

The Holy Ghost within the believer will meet him in times of fear, as well as meet his doubts with a sweet message of encouragement and tenderness. The Lord told Jeremiah to tell His people that He would bring His words upon the city where they were held, and that He would deliver them if they stayed strong and did not give in to fear and become afraid. God said that He would deliver them, and that they would not die by the sword of their enemies, as long as they trusted Him.

DISCUSSION

This is a fallen world that God's people live in. But God is not content to leave His children in brokenness. He comes to their rescue when they call Him. The stressors of daily life can quickly wear a believer out and cause them to feel overwhelmed. For in these times, God will offer guidance, perspective, and peace of mind. He will comfort His children and show them where and how they can find peace and rest amidst the craziness of the times. He allows believers to be led by His voice, principles, and precepts.

DISCUSSION

Men can certainly see that they are living in perilous times, where people are lovers of themselves and money, and they are boasters, proud, blasphemers, and disobedient to parents. They are also unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, and lovers of pleasures over God, and they have a form of godliness, but no power. These attributes can be seen daily, but believers must remember that when they trust God, they can stand on the promises of God.

Even though perilous times are here in this world, the believer must not allow his heart to be troubled nor afraid.

CONCLUSION

When life throws a curve ball in the believer's direction during perilous times, he must not allow hopelessness to grip his heart, but he can seek encouragement from the Lord. King David had to encourage himself to be steadfast in the Lord during one of the most devastating experiences in his life. It was so hurtful for him to know that the very men that he had slept, fought, and ate with wanted to stone him. David cried, for he had experienced extreme losses, but after crying, he had to get ahold of his spirit and talk to God. He knew that God was on his side and that He would always help him and carry him to safety. God promised never to leave nor forsake the believer, even during perilous times.

ESSENTIAL THOUGHT

If a person can't trust God in the bad times, then he can't trust God in the good times.

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**Things That Need to Be
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