

## TRUST THE LORD

Daily Meditation – Saturday April 18, 2026

The Bible says, “Thus says the Lord, ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord. For he will be like a bush in the desert and will not see when prosperity comes, but will live in stony wastes in the wilderness, a land of salt without inhabitant. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit’” (Jer. 17:5-8).<sup>1</sup>

Jeremiah wrote, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind.” I have to listen to Jeremiah. He had a very challenging ministry. To survive what he did, informs me he was very intimate with the Lord. He lived in hard times among harsh heathens. His only hope was to trust the Lord.

“Jeremiah never married (Jer. 16:2) and for much of his life he had few friends. Society at large would have nothing to do with him (Jer. 15:10, 17), and after a while he was not even allowed to enter the temple (Jer. 36:5). His loneliness increased when he was forbidden to join in ordinary community activities such as feasts and funerals (Jer. 16:5, 8). Nevertheless, some people in places of influence at times gained protection for him against persecutors (Jer. 26:24).”<sup>2</sup>

Solomon also lived a challenging life and stated the same thing. He wrote, “The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted. Many seek the ruler’s favor, but justice for man comes from the Lord” (Pr. 29:25).

Trust the Lord. David, the mighty warrior, informed us, “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; my cup overflows” (Ps. 23:4-5).

Brother Job said it this way, “Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him” (Job 13:15 KJV).

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

<sup>2</sup> Don Fleming, *Concise Bible Commentary* (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers 1988), 274.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!