

Upcoming Events

Revelation class: Today at 2:30

The Seven Trumpets

Coming soon: The Beast: 666

Tuesday Meet Up Class

August 3 at 7:00 p.m.

77682 Country Club Drive A-2

Palm Desert

Speaker for Today

Welcome: Walter York

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Trusting God

Trusting Self Leaves No Room for God

By Kevin Cauley



In whom do we place our trust?

For all the things that the Lord did for the Israelites, they rejected Him again and again. Consider Numbers 14:11:

“Then the Lord said to Moses: ‘How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?’”

Sometimes we hear people say, “If I had lived during the time of Christ, I would have believed!” Would we have? Listen to the words of Jesus to those who saw all the miracles He did:

“If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead” (Luke 16:31).

There is never enough evidence for the person who believes in self instead of Jesus. Proverbs 3:5-6 says,

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.

Sunday.....10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Jeremiah 10:23 declares, ***“O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”***

The problem is that we often trust self instead of Christ. Self-trust is behind all our discontents, and it is why the Bible repeatedly tells us to put our faith and trust in Jesus—so that He can help us! Overcoming self means letting go of self and believing in Jesus alone. Jesus says,

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38).

It is when we let go of self that Christ can truly change us with His Spirit.

Trusting God When Afraid

by Wayne S. Walker

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You” (Psalm 56:3). Jesus told us, ***“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”*** (Matthew 10:28). The fact is that ***“God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind”*** (II Timothy 1:7). Indeed, as John reminds us, ***“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love”*** (I John 4:18). In other words, there is really nothing in this life of which the child of God needs to be afraid.

While the Christian knows these things to be true, fear is still a natural human emotion to certain situations. When we are threatened with danger, when economic conditions point to a possible loss of job, when we are stricken with a serious illness, or when other problems arise which might disrupt our normal lives, we are likely to become afraid. What makes us most fearful about all such situations is that we simply do not know what the future

holds. As long as things are going reasonably well, we usually assume that they will continue to do so and are not fearful. However, difficulties cause us more to look to the future and remind us that we do not know what will happen, so we feel afraid.

It is certainly true that ***“you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away”*** (James 4:14). John Henry Newman noted, “I was not ever thus, nor ever asked that Thou Shouldst lead me on; I loved to choose and see my path; but now Lead Thou me on.” When events occur that darken the way so that I cannot “choose and see my path,” I tend to become somewhat frightened. That is why Jesus teaches me, ***“Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble”*** (Matthew 6:34).

The Psalmist knew that times would arise when he would be afraid. However, his determination was that in such times he would trust the Lord. In fact, he went on to say, ***“In God (I will praise His word), in God I have put my trust: I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”*** (v. 4). The Hebrew writer quotes this statement to remind us that we need to trust God whenever we are afraid. ***“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So, we may boldly say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’”*** (Hebrews 13:5-6).

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Personal Favorite

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