

BLESSED HOPE



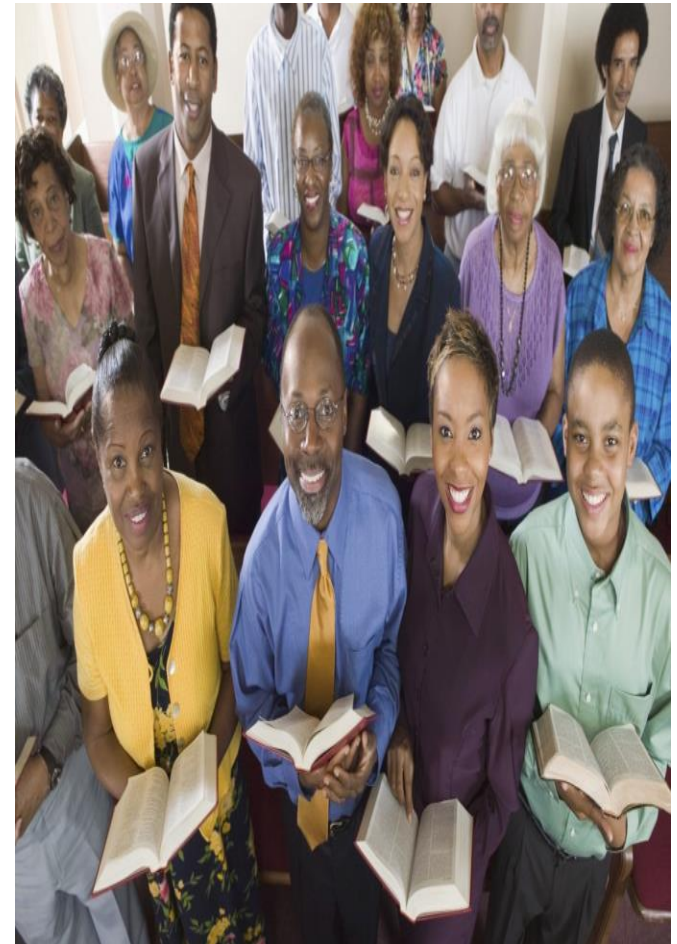
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***Learning ...
Loving ...
Leaning ...
Living ...
Leading ...
By the Word
of God***



LESSONS FROM THE WISDOM PSALMS

PSALMS 37:23-33

IT PAYS TO TRUST IN THE LORD

- **LESSON:** There are benefits to be enjoyed in this life for the one who trusts in the Lord.



TRUST

in the LORD with all your heart and lean
not on your own understanding; in all
your ways submit to him, and he will
make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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TRUST in the LORD

and do good;

Dwell in the land

and cultivate faithfulness.

Delight

yourself in the LORD;

And He will give you

the desires of your heart.

Commit

your way

to the LORD,

Trust also in Him.

and He will do it.

Psalm 37:3-5

- **BENEFIT #1: A WALK THAT IS ESTABLISHED BY THE LORD (37:23-24)**
 - **Fact #1: The Steps of a Good Man are Ordered by the Lord.**
 - **Fact #2: The Lord Delights in his (the good man's) Way.**
 - **Fact #3: Though a “Good Man” Fall, He shall not be Utterly Cast Down.**

- APPLICATION: The benefits of having one's steps ordered by the Lord:**
 - A life that is under God's guidance and care**
 - For Protection --For Preservation**
 - For Provisions --For Deliverance**
 - For Peace --For Vindication**
 - A life that has spiritual fellowship and satisfaction with the Lord**
 - A life that is victorious in the Lord, in spite of any tribulation or trial in life**

A QUESTION FOR YOU

**DOES
GOD
REALLY
CARE?**

- **BENEFIT #2: WANTS THAT ARE NEVER ABANDONED BY THE LORD IN A TIME OF NEED (37:25-26)**

- **OBSERVATION #1: “I have not seen the righteous forsaken.”**

- **Note carefully: He did not say that the righteous do not and will not experience affliction (I.e., that would be a false statement).**
 - **Point: He is saying that the righteous are never forsaken by God, no matter what affliction he suffers in this present life (e.g., Rom.8:31-39).**

- OBSERVATION #2: “I have not seen the descendants (children) of the righteous begging bread.”**
 - **Note carefully: He did not say that the children of the righteous would be as godly or as prosperous as their parents (i.e., that would be a false statement).**
 - **Point: He is saying that the children of the righteous are never forsaken by God--even during times of famine and hardship.**
- OBSERVATION #3: He (i.e., the righteous) is ever merciful and lends.**
 - **The righteous are kind, gracious, compassionate, and generous to others.**
 - **This attitude builds relationships with others, builds a good family reputation, causes kindness to be received in return from others, and affects one’s children and grandchildren with a godly example to follow.**

– APPLICATION: The benefits of never being abandoned by the Lord

- When you show compassion toward others, the Lord will never forsake you in the time of affliction.**
- When you show kindness to others in a time of need, the Lord will cause others to show kindness to you in return in a time of need.**
- When you show kindness to others in a time of need, you set a good, godly example for your children and your grand-children.**

A QUESTION FOR YOU

IS GOD FAITHFUL??



GOD
is faithful
yesterday, today, tomorrow
always.

- **BENEFIT #3: A WELFARE THAT IS PRESERVED SECURE AND ETERNAL BY THE LORD (37:27-33)**

- **THE EXHORTATION: Depart from evil and do good**

- **Depart from evil: Depart from injustice, oppression, acts of unkindness, hatred and spite against others.**
- **Do good: Be just, merciful, kind, compassionate, loving towards others.**
- **Result: You will dwell forevermore (n. the KJV has this as a command, but it's really a resultant promise).**

–THE REASONS FOR THE EXHORTATION: The Lord loves Justice.

- Fact #1: The Lord does not forsake His saints.**
- Fact #2: The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom (i.e., his heart is influenced by the Word of God)**
- Fact #3: The Lord will vindicate His people.**

– APPLICATION: The benefits of being preserved by the Lord

- You will have assurance that you will inherit the eternal kingdom with Christ.**
- You will be influenced by the Word of God--your thoughts, your words, your feelings, your attitudes, your choices, your actions, your character.**
- You will be delivered and vindicated from the scrutiny, criticism and personal attacks of the wicked**

A QUESTION FOR YOU

WILL THE LORD TRULY REWARD THOSE WHO
TRUST IN HIM??



SERMON CHALLENGE: IT PAYS TO TRUST IN THE LORD!



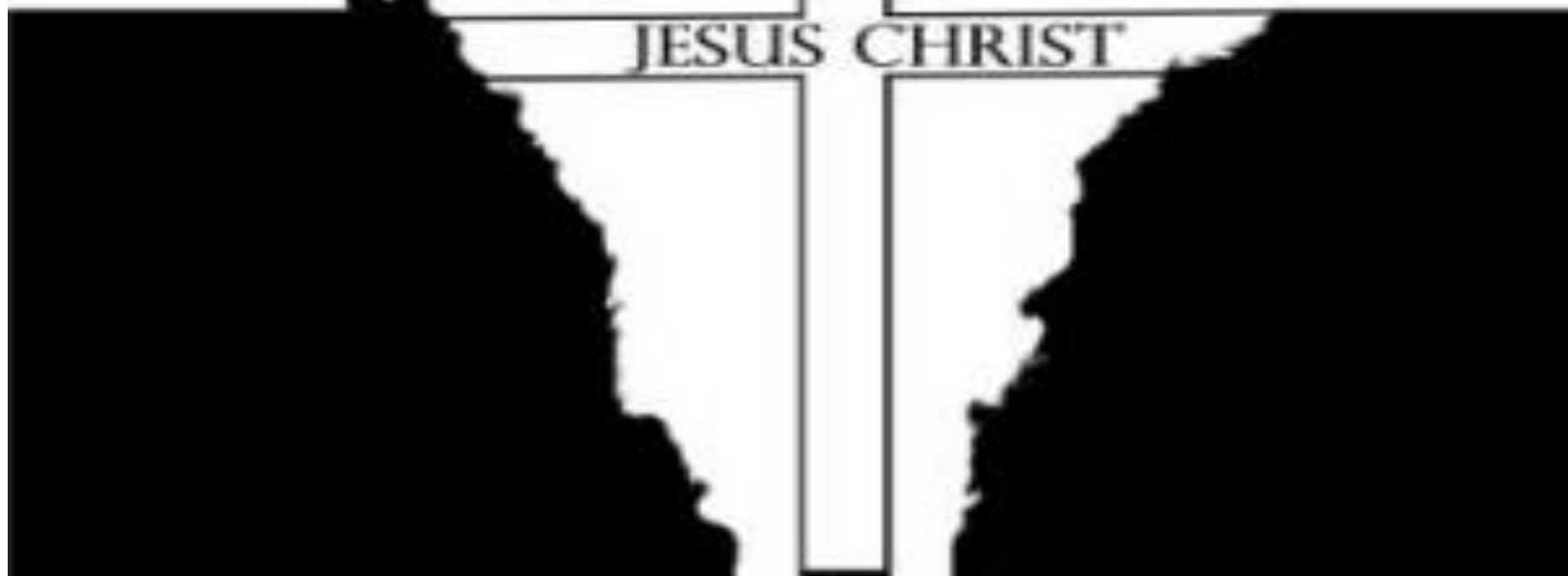
RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR
SAVIOUR TODAY!!



GOD HAS PROVIDED THE
ONLY WAY...WE MUST MAKE
THE CHOICE



JESUS CHRIST



1. **Acknowledge** that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on the cross for your sin, and that He arose again from the dead on the third day.
2. **Admit** that you are a sinner, **guilty** of sin and **responsible** and **accountable** to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
3. **Affirm** that the Lord Jesus Christ is your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.