

Trusting God

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A. Faith and Trust

This study is based mainly in following Hebrew chapters 11 through 13. *Trust* starts with *Faith* and Faith is succinctly defined in the following verse.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

In other words we cannot prove or substantiate our belief. Rather we believe in the truth of God and His Holy Word. We go forward with a moral conviction based upon our acceptance of what the word of God tells us. The basis of our faith is belief that the word of God was written by man directed by the Holy Spirit.

Further we are told that the worlds and what we see were made by the word of God out of what cannot be seen.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Only today does this have meaning to us, it is science from Einstein, the conversion of energy into mass as a result of the interconnection he developed between energy and mass.

History that is conveyed to us through the Bible has been substantiated quite a number of times by the writings of others such as first the Talmud being the oldest writings tied to the Bible. Second, in the early first century Jewish life is documented by the historian Flavius Josephus as well as the early Christian Church by Eusebius Pamphilus. In addition archeologically over time and continuing in our current day has verified much Bible information. Science has fairly recently now shown us that the wide variations of life on this planet are so different and complex that they had to have been designed by a supreme being. They could not have evolved through combinations or mutations of nature, in other words the theory of evolution does not work. Also take for instance the flood of Noah's time, evidence throughout the world now shows exactly the same complex layering of earth laid down by sudden movement and rapid settling of water. There is more, but it is only recently that science is substantiating the accuracy of the Bible. One last piece of information is the finding of Bible codes immersed in the scriptures. These were found in recent times and are so well hidden and complex that even today with our best computers man could not have designed these hidden codes into the original scriptures.

In today's time the reformation of the Nation of Israel occurred in one day, the Nation survived against all odds a number of times. The deserts are blooming, the Nation is prospering and has become a major Nation. The Jews scattered throughout the world are returning and now

about half live in Israel. This is a modern day miracle that one is able to see if they open their eyes, one that is predicted in the Bible.

In earlier times there was no verification or substantiation of what the Bible tells us, people believed by faith alone. There are a number of examples given to us in the New Testament of individuals who walked forward in faith. Consider the following of the Bibles own summary of those who walked forward in faith;

Heb 11:4 By faith **Abel** offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Heb 11:5 By faith **Enoch** was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Heb 11:6 But **without faith** *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek him**.

Heb 11:7 By faith **Noah**, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

Heb 11:8 By faith **Abraham**, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in* a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God.

Heb 11:11 Through faith also **Sara** herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

Heb 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

Heb 11:14 For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

Heb 11:15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten *son*,

Heb 11:18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

Heb 11:19 Accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

Heb 11:20 By faith **Isaac** blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

Heb 11:21 By faith **Jacob**, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his staff.

Heb 11:22 By faith **Joseph**, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Heb 11:23 By faith **Moses**, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Heb 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Heb 11:29 By faith **they passed through the Red sea** as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

Heb 11:30 By faith **the walls of Jericho fell down**, after they were compassed about seven days.

Heb 11:31 By faith **the harlot Rahab** perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

Heb 11:32 And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of **Gedeon**, and *of Barak*, and *of Samson*, and *of Jephthae*; *of David* also, and **Samuel**, and *of the prophets*:

Heb 11:33 Who through faith **subdued kingdoms**, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

Heb 11:34 Quenched the violence of fire, escaped **the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight**, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

Heb 11:35 **Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:**

Heb 11:36 **And others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:**

Heb 11:37 **They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;**

Heb 11:38 **(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.**

Heb 11:39 **And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:**

Heb 11:40 **God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.**

Note the important verse above, Heb 11:6, you must have faith to please God and you must be diligent in seeking to know God, for it is only those that He rewards. How does your faith grow? It grows by diligently seeking to know God. That means both in prayer and in obeying what is God's Will. Today that means continually praying, reading and studying your Bible for that is God's word to us, in it we grow in knowing God and in following how He wants us to walk. God's word is truth, following the Torah is God's directions to us that were designed to help us learn the Truth, to walk forward in the truth and to grow in the truth.

There were many people through the ages that walked forward with faith in God. With God's help they overcame the various trials of the world. Reflect on the degree of faith or depth of faith these mentioned above walked forward with, it was such that they were walking forward *trusting* in the Lord. In particular Abraham put his trust in God that he would obey and sacrifice his son who was not born until he was over 100 years old, a son that he wanted and wished for his whole life. Yes their faith was so strong that it resulted in their complete trust in God, trust related to life both in this world and in promise to the world to come.

Recognize that as ones faith grows, trust in God also grows in conjunction. The two go hand in hand. For your faith to be strong so will be your trust. The degree of trust that we have in God is a direct outcome of the depth of our faith in God. The measure of our faith is based against the trust we have in God with respect to our current life in this world and to our trust in the promise of life in the next world as yet to come.

B. Yeshua our Saviour

In today's world our faith is based upon belief and acceptance in Yeshua as our messiah.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us **run with patience the race** that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 Looking unto **Jesus** the **author and finisher of *our* faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

We are to lay aside every weight and sin and *to run with patience the race*. That means when one accepts Yeshua as his saviour we are to go forward with patience, but also to be passionate in our walk of obedience in doing the Will of the Father and the Son. Yeshua endured the cross for us and now sits at the right hand of the Father. We have a major obligation to Yeshua and He expects us to fulfil it, He did His part and now expects us to do ours in following His example and obeying Him, which is the same as doing the Will of the Father. Now our faith is based upon Yeshua, our belief in Him and in the Father. We are to believe, obey and follow Yeshua.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; **him shall ye hear** in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put

my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not **hearken** unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

We shall hear and hearken or *Shema*, which means to *hear and obey*. This is very clear what God demands of us when we accept Yeshua as our saviour. It is not a pick and choose, we are to do **all** that Yeshua tells us and shows us by His example. We are to both hear and obey Yeshua. Look carefully to how you walk, Yeshua showed us how to walk, He kept the weekly Sabbath, He kept the Holy Days, He told us that the Law or Torah is in effect until the Last Day. There is no verse that tells us that the Torah no longer applies, man will tell you that it no longer applies but that goes against God's word. God's word is Truth.

We need to reflect upon the sacrifice Yeshua made for our sins as we have not experienced striving against sin unto our death. We deserve the death, Yeshua did not.

Those that are the Lords, those that he loves, He corrects as a loving Father for we are His Children. Children need to grow and mature and need to obey their Father and walk forward properly.

Heb 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Heb 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh **unto you as unto children**, My son, despise not thou the **chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Heb 12:6 For **whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth**, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, **God dealeth with you as with sons**; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that ***we might be partakers of his holiness***.

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

On the path in this life we are expected to grow and mature as our spiritual Father demands. We are to develop the personal characteristics our Father possesses and values. We are to walk and grow holy in order to become more like our heavenly Father. His instructions are given to us for our benefit in order to help guide us grow properly. Because of our faith we follow and obey our heavenly Father. When one reflects on the past, we should be grateful for the correction experienced along the way.

Going forward requires both proper action and attitude on our part. Our way forward is to grow in peace and purity or cleanness which is both by action and by thought which is by the heart. Without this way forward one will not be found acceptable to the Lord.

Heb 12:12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

Heb 12:13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Heb 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

Heb 12:16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

Heb 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Heb 12:15 is extremely important, it stresses that we must watch ourselves carefully that we do not have any bitterness of hatred towards others or the world, if we do then we are defiled or contaminated in God's eyes. We must walk and grow properly, always with repentance and humility. Repentance is of the heart. Forgiveness is a main requirement.

C. The Presence of the Lord

The Lord is Holy and the presence of the Lord may not be approached by earthy people. It is only by select invitation such as Moses received that one can stand on Holy ground in the presence of God. Therefore at Mount Sinai neither any person or animal was allowed to touch the Holy Mountain.

Heb 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

Heb 12:19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

Heb 12:20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:

Heb 12:21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh*

from heaven:

Heb 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

Heb 12:27 And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Heb 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Heb 12:29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

It is only by Yeshua's blood that we are reconciled to God. When we follow Yeshua by hearing and obeying we are redeemed by grace and may serve the Lord being found acceptable and having the attitude of reverence and godly fear. Yeshua is our Master, our chief Priest and our mediator between the Father and ourselves. Our God is a consuming fire, flesh cannot come into His presence unless He gives one permission and protection.

D. Please God in Your Walk

We are instructed to walk forward in this world with brotherly love. In order to do this our heart must be filled with love, then there is no room in it for hate or bitterness. We must have previously walked with forgiveness to all, emptying and letting go of all hatred and grudges. In the following we are instructed as to what is pleasing to God.

Heb 13:1 Let brotherly love continue.

Heb 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

Heb 13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Heb 13:4 Marriage *is* honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

Heb 13:5 *Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord *is* my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Heb 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Heb 13:10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered

without the gate.

Heb 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Heb 13:14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name.

Heb 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Heb 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Heb 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

Heb 13:19 But I beseech *you* the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

We are to be gracious to strangers as we may even have conversed with angels at times without even knowing. We are to have empathy and compassion to those in prison, and those that suffer adversity, as they like ourselves suffer as humans since we all walk in the flesh. Marriage is a special sanctified relationship between one man and one woman, and we are to treat it as such. We are to be content with what we have and not to covet what others might have. We are to remember that Yeshua walks with us and will not abandon us. We can call on the Lord for help and are not to be afraid of what man can do to us. This is trusting in God. Remember how you learned God's word and directions. Yeshua does not change the Father does not change, they are both the same yesterday, today and for ever. Do not get caught up in diverse and strange doctrines, rather focus on the heart and accept the grace extended to you from the Father. Today we praise God by prayer, which is our sacrifice to the Father, our body being the Holy Temple with the spirit dwelling in us. We do not have a special city (Jerusalem) at the moment but look forward to one that will come in the future. We need to walk doing good and never to forget God while we deal with life in this world. Walk in harmony with our like minded brothers and sisters, all going forward on the same path watching out for each other. We are to do all things with Joy in our heart and to pray for each other. We are to live honestly, walking and growing in righteousness.

E. Pauls Blessings on the Congregation

A benediction by Paul to all the brothers to whom he has been addressing this letter.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in **every good work to do his will, working in you** that which is **wellpleasing in his sight**, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Heb 13:22 And I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: for I have written a letter unto you in few words.

Heb 13:23 Know ye that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

Heb 13:24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute

you.

Heb 13:25 Grace *be* with you all. Amen. [Written to the Hebrews from Italy, by Timothy.](#)

We are to strive to become perfect in our good works, in doing God's Will and allowing His spirit to be working within us. These are well pleasing to God.

We cannot please God unless we have faith and tied to faith is trust, a trust of our walk in this life and our trust of the promise of the life to come. Trust grows in association with our growth of faith. Our growth is nurtured by reading, studying and reflecting on God's word. This must become the most important focus in our life.

F. Important Scriptures on Trust

Consider some other select scriptures that tell us to trust God.

2Sa 22:3 The God of my rock; in him will I **trust**: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.

2Sa 22:31 *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that **trust** in him.

Psa 2:11 Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their **trust** in him

Psa 4:5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your **trust** in the LORD.

Psa 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will **trust** in thee.

Psa 62:7 In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God.

Psa 62:8 **Trust** in him at all times; *ye* people, pour out your heart before him: God *is* a refuge for us. Selah.

Pro 3:5 **Trust** in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

Pro 30:5 Every word of God *is* pure: he *is* a shield unto them that put their **trust** in him.

Isa 26:4 **Trust** ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH *is* everlasting strength:

Nah 1:7 The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that **trust** in him.

G. Summary

Those who trust in God never have anything to fear. God knows those that trust in Him. When we have strong trust in God He is our refuge against all of life's storms. We need to recognize that God requires that we Trust in Him and not in the world around us. The world around us walks in iniquity, it is evil.

When God's Word becomes totally real and true to you, as real as everything else in life that surrounds you, then you know that your *faith* is strong and so should your *trust* also be strong. In other words you believe, totally believe that God's Word is truth, *absolute truth*. You rely on God with Trust, your life is in His hands.

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