

The Lord is Worthy to be Trusted

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Scripture: Daniel 3:16, Psalms 13:5, 2 Kings 18:3, Matthew 27:41, Ephesians 1:12, 1 Peter 3:7

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Transcript

Morning everyone. It's because of Jesus that we're here, so in his name we want to want to glorify his name. This morning we just are grateful again.

I'm grateful that I can, he still gives me breath and life. I desire, before we go any further I'd like to just thank the Lord for this opportunity and let's pray before we go further. Anyone that wants to stand can stand and just pray.

Our Father we thank you this morning for this opportunity. You have blessed us again with another day. Your mercy is every morning new.

Help us to remember these things that you want us to remember. That you're the Lord we can trust. You are faithful.

Thank you for this privilege of giving us the day that and you gave us healthy bodies and sound minds that we can again reason and think. We desire Lord to use our minds to that you would be glorified. Thank you

for this opportunity to again look into your word.

And give us a heart that we would apply to our lives every day as we live. Thank you for this privilege. Bless the word this day those to our hearts and the one who brings it forth to us.

Bless, give him the strength, fill us with your spirit in Jesus name, amen. That's kind of what I for myself I often wonder if I trust the Lord the way I should sometimes. I just that's kind of what I want to look at some of these people in the Bible that trusted the Lord.

They thought he was worthy to be trusted so I guess that's my challenge from day to day to remember that the Lord is worthy to be trusted and whatever whatever situation we're in he's able to do all things above which we do or think. So I'd like to read Daniel 3 a part of the chapter and see what Daniel's friends here how they trusted the Lord. Starting in verse 13 says then Nebuchadnezzar it was in the time when Nebuchadnezzar was king over the whole kingdom or the whole world he kind of had everything under him every dominion nation was under Nebuchadnezzar and then he raised up this image and everybody was supposed to give heed to it.

But we had three men here actually four here in the kingdom that they were in this kingdom because Nebuchadnezzar came over and besieged the kingdom in Jerusalem there or Jerusalem and brought him over to his kingdom. I don't know if the Jews were all there but these four men were they trusted the Lord they were brought up in a way that they they continued on being faithful to the God of heaven to the God of Israel. It says Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

He was demanding everyone to worship this image and Nebuchadnezzar spake and said unto them is it true? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego do not ye serve my gods nor worship the golden image which I have set up and now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of all kinds of music ye fall down and worship the image which I have made well but if ye worship not ye shall be cast the same are into the midst of a burning fiery furnace and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king O king Nebuchadnezzar we are not careful to answer thee in this matter if it be so our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and he will deliver us out of the hands of king but if not be it known unto thee that we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image which ye have set up then Nebuchadnezzar full of fury and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego therefore he spake and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was to be heated and he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to cast them into the burning fiery furnace then these men were bound in their coats and their hosens and their hats and their other garments and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace therefore because the king's command was urgent and the furnace exceedingly hot the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and these three men fell down bound in the midst of the burning furnace, fiery furnace it says then the king was astonished and rose in haste and spake and said unto his consulars did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? they answered and said unto king true oh king he answered and said lo I see four men loose walking in the midst of the furnace midst of the fire and they have no hurt and the form of the fourth is like unto the son of God that's always amazing to me if you read that he recognized that it was the son of God or it was somebody different from the other three then Abednego came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spake and said Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ye servants of the most high God come forth and come hither then

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came forth in the midst of the fire and the princes and the governors and the captains and the king's consulars being gathered together saw these men upon their bodies the fire had no power nor was a hair of their head singed neither were their coats changed nor the smell of fire had passed on them then Nebuchadnezzar spake and said blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego who has sent his angel and delivered his servants that trusted in him and have changed the king's word and yielded their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any God except their own God therefore I make a decree that every people nation tongue which speak anything amiss against the God of Meshach that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be cut in pieces and their houses shall be made a dung hill because there is no other God that can deliver that's after this sort and it says the king promoted them so what I'm getting at reading some of these I want to read a few more characters that stood up that trusted God in spite of anything else I have a few verses in Psalms 13 I'd like to read and this is David he was also a man that in spite of all his trials and things he trusted the Lord David said consider and hear me Lord my God lighten my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death lest my enemies say I have prevailed against him and those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved but I have put I have trusted in my in thy mercy and my heart shall rejoice in thy salvation and then in 2nd Kings I want to read a little bit 2nd Kings chapter 18 also a man that put his trust in the Lord I guess that's what I my theme is this morning that the Lord is worthy to be trusted that's why I'm reading these verses in verse 3 2nd Kings 18 verse 3 and this is talking about Hezekiah and he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord according to all that his father did he removed the high places and broke the images and cut down the groves and broke in pieces the brass and serpent that Moses had made for unto those days children of Israel did burn incense to it and had a name that they gave a name for it I guess that's always it is if you really think about that God put that up there to save their lives one time now it became a God to that extent that they burned incense to this to this serpent and here Hezekiah was getting rid of this thing it was hindering them to trust the God of heaven and it says he trusted in the Lord God of Israel so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah nor any that were before him for he clung to the Lord and departed not from the following him but kept his commandments which the Lord commanded Moses and I'd like to read a few verses in the New Testament Matthew 27 this is talking about our King when Jesus was on the cross what they said about him the chief priests mocking him with the scribes and elders said he saved others himself he cannot save if he be the king of Israel let him now come down from the cross and we will believe he trusted in God let him deliver him now if he will have him for he said I am the son of God the thieves also which were crucified with him cast the same in his teeth here we have a phrase that these people that were accusing Jesus knew that he trusted in God in spite of this time there was no delivering off of the cross like the three Hebrew children they were delivered from the fire and there's a lot of history if you read history about people since Jesus was here and went back to the father that stood up for Jesus that went to the fire persecuted in various ways and God didn't necessarily deliver them from that but they kept on trusting the Lord to the extent that those people that were delivering them were persecuting them that there must be something with these people that they just don't give up they're just being burned or being cut asunder and some of them were tortured they were beheaded for the sake of their God but the day is coming they trusted God to the extent that someday there will be God will be there and is there he was there with them I'm sure but it's sometimes hard for me to grasp some of those things we think well it just how could they do this but I think we need the concept of living as a day at a time we live a day at a time and the situations that we face that day God's grace is sufficient at that time when we need it we will not be able to store up grace or anything like that for those days that when we need it we think we need it I mean it's just like God is there and he wants us to trust him for he's worth it to be trusted Ephesians 1.12 I'd like to read a portion of that to you a portion of Ephesians 1 this was Paul

writing to whoever reads it it's for us all that we should be to the praise of his glory who first trusted in Christ I mean this would be maybe speaking to those that actually walk with Christ some of them but I think it's for us today do we trust Christ that's our challenge from day to day to be true in whom he also trusted after that he heard the word of truth the gospel of your salvation and whom also after that he believed he was sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise which is the earnestness of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchase possession unto the praise of his glory I guess in one sense I look at it a little different in the old dispensation in the new I mean like we already Jesus came and brought the kingdom and we are pressing in we're pressing into the kingdom more and more and so we're already in the kingdom but it's not and at the end or whenever however it's all going to be it's going to be fulfilled some of these promises are going to be fulfilled and that's what we're waiting or living for to be true to our king he came to save us from sin that we can live in a way that he would be glorified and then whenever he wants us whenever he comes back to fulfill his kingdom that's what we're living for to be true to him and one last one last little bit here that I want to read first Peter 3 verse 5 for this I got the wrong first Peter 3 I had second there yeah it's talking about our it also involves our living together as husbands and wives and how we believe in the Lord and things and then it goes on to talk to us husbands likewise as the husbands dwell with them according to knowledge giving honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel as being heirs together of the grace of God that your prayers be not hindered I looked in that last verse there it talks about giving honor and I looked up that honor the definition of honor is means regard or respect and something that is honorable is worth it to be honored or honest or upright or bringing honor something that's honorable is worth it to be honored whatever it is I mean that's just the way life is if I can live in a respectful way towards people amongst people that would and still being that God would get the glory regardless of what it is I mean it's I think we need to respect each other so that's all I have anybody has anything to share they can or any corrections yeah thanks Joe for what you read and shared something that kind of occurred to me as you were talking about trusting well first of all that in the story there of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego probably my favorite thing of everything that they said my favorite thing is when they said our God can deliver us but if he doesn't just know King that will still not bow down to your idol that to me is real powerful and as I thought about that this morning just now I was thinking like trust that is like a perfect example of really trusting God but it's not without like courage is not a total absence of fear but courage is like in the midst of fear not being overcome by it but overcoming it and conquering in spite of the fear that's there I don't think courage is just like the absence of fear and in a similar way I think trusting is not just the absence of realizing that it may not go like we think or like we like but however it happens we can trust that as God works it out is good and I just want that kind of a trust where I can say with those three men like whatever I face like God can deliver me out of this but even if he doesn't just know oh world I'm not going to bow down to you that's what I want the passage Duane mentioned also stood out to me that statement just the same thing that Duane said this statement that the children make it's just like it's very it's a very spiritual statement it's a very supernatural statement like the king wasn't kidding when he said who is the God who's going to rescue you like it's going to take some kind of serious miracle to stop what I'm about to do like they'll write books about it that people will be reading thousands of years from now it's going to be such a big thing that some God is going to do if you guys don't burn because I'm going to make it happen and they realize that so for them to say oh Jehovah is he can do it like that is a very spiritual statement and then followed by this like just excuse the phrase but extremely carnal statement a very natural a very practical statement and I just I know that there are those who would say there's this idea out there right now that would pit us the spiritual against the practical or the or the natural and that would accuse and say if for us to make natural practical choices means we're not being spiritual or vice versa like the way to be spiritual is to I'm not going to make any I'm

not going to I'm not going to behave practically I'm not going to make natural choices I want God's I want God I want I want everything to be supernatural and as though as though that is what God is looking for that is what God is pleased with or that is what God is creating a people who are devoid of practical choices and just everything is supernatural and I just it's just not so like it though it is true we serve a supernatural God and we've we've got this book full of accounts of how he deals in very impractical ways when he wants to like I would agree with Duane this is I mean that is just like a perfect example of faith I mean it or faith or trusting as Joe was saying that you know it doesn't it that God is a is a spiritual God a supernatural God and he's a practical God he he we're not all spirit beings but we we live in he made us out of dust he made 3d people that walk around and this the the the physical world is not is not inherently evil as the Gnostics would have taught he became he became flesh himself somehow dwelt among us we handled him we saw him so that the trust trusting in God that pleases him and the faith that we have that pleases him is I would say as it has been said of Jesus that he wasn't he wasn't 50% God and 50% man but he was 100% God and 100% man that our our faith as as was described so well by the Hebrew children is 100% spiritual and 100% natural that stood out to me as well I hear this thing and so I'm just like on the ready like I'm just catching like see there it is like the spirit is not at war against the natural but rather this the spirit works to to bring the natural into captivity that the natural would submit itself to God like the prayer says in earth as it is in heaven the praise of Jesus I take the pathway the steps of Jesus wherever they go the way the earth o'er dark mountains in its red sheen for a long night's silence burns fountains held in glory the praise of Jesus I take the pathway the steps of Jesus wherever they go there may be truth of the word for in homes of the poor and lowly serving the Lord the praise of Jesus I take the pathway the steps of Jesus wherever they go by and by there shall be mortals treading our feet we shall walk where many mortals have trodden streets for the praise of Jesus I take the pathway the steps of Jesus wherever they go Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so let all unto Him belong they are weak but He is strong yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so Jesus loves me through life ever shall await my sin that Israel shall come again yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so Jesus loves me loves me still though I'm weary, weak, and ill from His shining throne on high come to watch me where I go yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so Jesus loves the children here children far away they are safe when in His care every day yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so Jesus take this heart of mine and make it supported for me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me yes Jesus loves me the Bible tells me so I am excited to follow Jesus I am excited to follow Jesus take my soul and I will be ever lonely, all for Thee ever lonely, all for Thee all for Thee

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