

Make Yahweh Your Confidence

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A friend of mine related to me an experience of his, while on holiday a few years ago. It was a lovely hot day and the sea was very calm. Some locals who know the area very well were standing on some vertical rocks about 40 feet above the surface of the sea. He related how he saw the young boy take his father's hand and they then both jumped off this high platform together into the sea below.

Clearly in this example the young child had an intense, a marvellous trust and confidence in his father. It would be wonderful if as children we all on this planet had the same trust in Yahweh God - our Father, as did that young boy did. One aspect of being a true Christian is this attitude of mind, but could all people who claim to be Christians have this confidence in Yahweh for all their needs and wants?

Prov. 3v1-4 My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commandments: Because length of days, long life and peace will be added to you. Never let mercy or truth leave you, bind them about your neck; write them down upon the tablet of your heart. Then shall you find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man.

God's law should always be on your mind. The "heart" in the Biblical sense means the seat of motivation/zeal/passion. So what is being said here is: Ensure that all your motivation is based upon God's laws and commandments.

Ps.40v8. I delight to do your will, O my God; Yes your law is written within my heart.

The "neck" or "throat" is spoken about in The Bible as being concerned with one's speech. Hence in this passage we see how our speech should be clean and free from defilement and so reflecting God's Desire.

Obedying God's laws will add years to our life. God will decide if we live or die at the end of this age, and so obeying His laws will add years to our life!

Jesus was the perfect model of verse 4 above as reinforced below.

Lu.2v52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and Man.

Do we try and follow this example?

Prov. 3v5-8 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths. Do not be wise in your own eyes: Fear Yahweh and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.

Do we trust in Yahweh God?

And what are the reasons why we should trust in God?

1. God knows everything that we do.
2. God is never wrong.
3. God knows what is best for us.

All these are very good reasons for trusting and having confidence in our God Yahweh - The Almighty God of The Universe.

What human examples in The Bible show this confidence?

1. Jesus Christ:

Lu.22v42. Saying, Father, if you be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless not my will, but yours be done.

2. Paul:

2Cor.1v10. God delivered us from so great a death, and continues to deliver; in whom we trust that will yet deliver us. This was the time when in Acts Paul was beaten five times and also he was stoned left for dead. After this he got up and went to a neighbouring town then returns back to Lystra.

3. Moses:

Here in this example, Moses had to go to the leader of Egypt and demand that his workforce was to leave!

Egypt in those days was like America now. It was like an unknown person going to the President of USA and saying let up to 10% of all their workers to leave the country!

First excuse that Moses uses was his speech impediment!

Yahweh immediately replies: Who gave man his ears and eyes!

This is a wonderful answer, but God goes on to say: Tell Aaron what to say and he will be your spokesman.

So going back to Prov. 3 and following through the quoted verses:-

Verse 5 warns us not rely or lean on our own strengths. Normally it is “**Pride**” that boosts our ego beyond what we are really capable of doing.

Moving to v7 it continues: Do not be wise in your own eyes.

How often do we hear Clergy instead of saying: ‘**This is what** The Bible says;’

What they are actually saying is: ‘In my opinion’.

(Some 12 years later, now in 2007 it is more stark - they say: “I believe or I think” Following politician ‘speak’ which shows how much closer Religious leaders are moving and mixing in with The World of Satan and thus moving away from stating The Bible directly – because their reasoning/knowledge is so far adrift from its contents – thus the another sign of The End Times).

These clergy are leaning on their own understanding, they should know much better - **If** they wished to follow what they knew(?) of The Bible!

In verse 6: If as we say Yahweh knows our innermost thoughts, then we should be honest and ask for assistance even for our most private matters. One obvious matter would be that of marriage and asking for advice on a mutually suitable mate. Another example would be finding a house to live in.

The last verse is the benefit which is God given. The Bible is God given, and it is The Bible that will build up our bones and make them fat by doing God's Will, by fulfilling His Desire of us. The bones support the body, hence the frame provides strong spiritual support for ourselves. Hence doing God's Desire of us will refresh our whole body.

Prov. v9-12 Honour the Lord with your substance, and with the first-fruits of your produce. So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. For the Lord corrects the one who he loves, even as a father who delights in his son.

The Early books of The Bible insisted that Yahweh must be honoured with the first-fruits, but Malachi says in the 1st chapter v7,8 and v13,14 how the Israelites were actually offering polluted bread, lame and sick animals for offerings.

Yahweh the Almighty curses these people!

However if you do give your best (only because it sets our heart condition and construction of our synapse construction in yearning to fulfil Yahweh's Desire of us), then your stores will be plenty (Yahweh will reciprocate because He can see that those people are yearning to please Yahweh to the best of their ability = the correct synapse mapping that God desires to retain as Heavenly Treasure to reload into the 2nd part of our life upon our resurrection). Today we understand this as everything we own, car or house etc. If we understand that some True Christians require financial support in giving understanding to others through the instruction as given in The Bible (= accurate preaching work), then a portion should be offered.

Material riches will be no good in the Day of God's Fury. All we have will not save us.

It is however having the spiritual Wisdom to keep out of worldly politics and thus out of the spotlight of political and national groupings. The Bible teaches us to only be known for accurately fulfilling Yahweh's Desire of us and then any persecution coming to us because of this – is brings Glory and Magnifies Yahweh's Name/Character/Authority in The World. We are told that if we do this then Yahweh will not let ourselves be tested beyond what we are able to withstand – He shall faithfully support us – if we are most desirous to please Him.

Discipline from God is a form of love.

This may be difficult for some people to understand. If someone does not love someone then they do not care for them. Hence if they do not care for them, they will let that person suffer the consequences of their action, by letting them learn the hard way.

The problem is that this 'hard way' may be fatal!

That is why someone who cares steps in early to stop a fatal consequence through the administration of discipline.

How do we review council/advice from another human?

If this council is based upon the scriptures then we should listen carefully, if you are 'running the wrong way' in life and someone steps in with courage, then this is an act of love from someone who loves you by offering help.

'As a father does to his son'. The child may not appreciate at their young age when the father may say 'Its going to hurt me more than it is going to hurt you' before giving out the punishment, but this is an act of love when carried out correctly (instead of a fit of anger as some misguided people may try to argue).

Moses was required to speak to the elders of the Israelites. Think of these elders trying to take Moses seriously when he could not speak properly! They needed to trust him as God's representative - words coming from God, hence they were trusting in God.

Prov. 3v13-15 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, or the gain of fine gold. She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you can desire are not to be compared to her.

“Wisdom” is the “accurate application of knowledge”.

One cannot have wisdom and with no knowledge! So one needs knowledge first, then wisdom may follow later if one can successfully apply what is learnt!

Solomon knew how to apply the knowledge of a mother's love for her child when he was called upon to resolve the dispute between two women over a child. All the gold in the world cannot make you wise, which is why gold is worth less than wisdom (which is precisely what The Bible tells us).

How far would we go for wisdom?

If someone said:-

There is £5 million pounds of gold bullion in your garden, what would you do and how far would you go?

Would you go out digging in the garden?

Would you hire JCB diggers and work over night under flood lights powered by electric generators, and not stop until we had found it?

Are we prepared to put more in for gaining godly wisdom or this £5 million pounds in the back garden?

God's Wisdom can protect you from everlasting death, however those £5 million bars would not!

Coral was mentioned here within the text, because it was a precious commodity in those days of Bible writing, it was carved to form beautiful objects. Particularly was the rare and thus more precious, red coral, however wisdom is clearly more valuable than all this.

Prov. 3v16-18 The length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one that keeps her.

If we apply God's wisdom to our lives, then we behave correctly according to The Will of God, with all the benefits that this brings. It brings protection to us from the snares of this world, drugs, smoking, drunkenness, and sexually transmitted diseases. The protection we receive is from the knowledge gained by reading God's word contained in the Bible.

Prov. 3v19-25 The Lord by wisdom has created the Earth; by understanding He has established the heavens. By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. My son, let not them depart from your eyes; keep sound wisdom and discretion; so shall they be life unto your soul, and grace to your neck. Then you will walk in your way safely, and your foot will not stumble. When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, in fact you will lie down and your sleep shall be sweet. Do not be afraid of sudden fear, nor of the desolation of the wicked, when it comes.

We have supreme trust and confidence in our Father being The Almighty God - Yahweh, because of the wondrous creation that He has done for us (through Jesus Christ using his Father's Laws of Nature to create us being 'The Adornment' = all Life on this Earth). It is wonderfully co-ordinated in its various continuous closed cycles. The writers did not know about the extremities and sizes of the various stars and galaxies contained within this universe, we are much more privileged in appreciating the grandness of all God's visible creation. Clearly if the Creator did all this, surely He knows what is best for our future. It is this amazing power of Yahweh - the One Almighty God, Designer and Creator that gives us that trust and confidence in Yahweh who loves those who wish to acknowledge and worship this Almighty Entity.

The scriptures mention that we will not be harmed, Satan misquoted (by misapplying) the scriptures (= twisting God's word) (*also pandemic today by worldly Christian Leaders*) to Jesus during the temptations, in two ways: (1) Forcing a test on Almighty God to save his Son and (2) spiritual safety rather than physical (earthly) security.

Psalms 91v12 They shall bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

We have examples of James and Stephen who had to suffer physical pain and subsequent death. However they have spiritual security for everlasting life – over which Satan has no control over. However we are protected from earthly problems as outlined earlier (drugs etc).

When Jesus Christ comes again he will remember us, and in this security we can sleep peacefully either in our beds or graves knowing that we have this infallible trust in our saviour. This is true even while people around us wail in lost confidence when their world fails about them.

In this we can now quote verse 26:-

Prov. 3v26 For the Lord shall be your confidence, and shall keep your foot from being caught (*by the snares of this world*).