

STUDIES
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INTRODUCTION:

Trust, that's a word that has very little meaning in our day and time. We are asked to trust those who oversee the governmental affairs of this great nation, we are asked to trust those who have oversight of the financial institutions of this great nation and we are asked to trust those who believe they can predict the ultimate outcome of all these crucial issues. Yet for us there is only one place to put our trust, and in one person can we trust our future, that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

These are to be sure difficult days in which we live. But they are not anymore difficult than those days that King David faced. We really don't know the time placement for this Psalm, but we do see a reoccurring theme, "**HOW LONG O LORD?**" I like how Spurgeon titled it, "**THE HOWLING PSALM.**" It can seem that way at times, when we have consistently sought the Lord on a particular matter only to discover that there is no definable answer. Yet I have come to realize that the Lord's timetable and response to my needs are determined by Him and not by me.

Four times in the first two verses David uses the phrase, "**How Long.**" I guess some would consider this a lack of trust, but it simply could be David's inquiry of the Lord. How many times have we had inquirers of the Lord because of impatience, or that simple desire to get a more immediate answer from God.

I. THE HOW LONG QUESTIONS! Vv.1-2

1. QUESTION NUMBER ONE! "...WILL YOU FORGET ME FOREVER?"
9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.
10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,
12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,
14 saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying will multiply you."
15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.
16 For men indeed swear by the greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.
17 Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath,
18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.
19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,
20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.
(Hebrews 6:9-20).

2. QUESTION NUMBER TWO! "...WILL YOU HIDE YOUR FACE FROM ME?"

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 "Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone?

10 "Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent?"

11 *"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!
(Mt 7:7-11).*

3. QUESTION NUMBER THREE! "...SHALL I TAKE COUNSEL IN MY SOUL?"

It is interesting to me that the Word almost always talks negatively about seeking our own counsel and positively about the counsel of others.

12 *Moreover **You led them** by day with a cloudy pillar, And by night with a pillar of fire, To give them light on the road Which they should travel.*

13 ***You came down** also on Mount Sinai, And **spoke with them** from heaven, And **gave them just ordinances** and true laws, Good statutes and commandments.*

14 ***You made known to them** Your holy Sabbath, And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.*

15 ***You gave them bread from heaven** for their hunger, And **brought them water out of the rock** for their thirst, **And told them to go** in to possess the land Which You had sworn to give them.*

(Nehemiah 9:12-15).

With this in mind why rely on what we can come up with, it's better to rely on the God of divine provision, direction and protection.

4. QUESTION NUMBER FOUR! "...WILL MY ENEMY BE EXALTED OVER ME?"

2Ch 16:9 *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."*

Ps 34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

Ps 41:2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive, And he will be blessed on the earth; You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

Ps 91:4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

Ps 125:2 As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

Zec 2:5 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

Lu 21:18 "But not a hair of your head shall be lost.*

II. THE CONSIDER AND HEAR ME QUESTIONS! Vv.3-4

Whenever we are desperately looking for answers to life's simple and complex questions, there are three things that David concerned himself with. I think these should be our concerns as well!

1. Consider Me! Regard me with pleasure and show favor toward me.
2. Hear me! Pay attention to me with the intent of speaking to me.
3. Enlighten me! Illuminate or literally to set on fire.

8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage. (Ezra 9:8).

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

(2Corinthians 4:3-7).

Isa 50:10 "Who among you fears the LORD? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD And rely upon his God.

III. THE I HAVE TRUSTED RESPONSE! Vv.5-6

So this brings back to the matter at hand, trust! Let's take a few moments to look at this word as it appears in scripture and is defined from a biblical perspective.

Ps 37:3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.

Ps 37:5 Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Ps 115:11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their help and their shield.

Ps 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

Isa 26:4 Trust in the LORD forever, For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.