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Text: II Sam.22:31; Isaiah 26:3-4.

2 Samuel 22:31 "As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (NKJ)

Introduction: God is perfect. It means "without flaw." God is perfect in every way. Living with this conviction allows you to experience the abundant life which doesn't necessarily mean having a lot of things.—John 10:10, Lk. 12:15. It means a large amount of life. The Greek word for abundant is *perissos*, translated consistently in most Bible versions as advantage in Romans 3:1. The previous message addressed how emphasis on God's absolutes in Psalm 136 stimulates the abundant life. This message expands stimulation by focusing on trust.

- According to BlueLetterBible.com, the word "trust" occurs 134 times in the Old Testament in the KJV. However, there are variations of trust such as "trusting" which are not accounted in this search.... Trusted - appears 29 times. Trustedst - appears 3 times.
- Trust: assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something (MW Collegiate Dict. 11th Ed.).
- KJV dictionary, trust (n): Confidence; a reliance or resting of the mind on the integrity, genuineness, justice, friendship or other sound principle of another person. Trust (verb): to place confidence in; to rely on. We cannot trust those who have deceived us. (Adapted by JDF).

There is so much we cannot control. Unless trusting God is priority, a very disturbed life is the consequence. You can get news that causes an emotional hit/drain. Trust in God is your refuge. Only God is perfect (without flaw or deficiency) only God remains 100 percent trustworthy forever.

There is a difference in believing God exists and trusting Him to meet your deepest need. Isa 26:3-4. The Hebrew word for trust (*batach*, Strong's 982) means confidence; it expresses the feeling of security that is felt when one can rely on someone else. Feeling safe reflect the meaning of the word *stayed* v3: to lean, lay, rest, support.

- Trust causes one to lean/brace his/her mind on the Lord. Cp KJV bullet point #3.

Other aspects of trust will be elaborated in continuing messages.

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