

Self-Existent God: Trust III

Text: II Sam.22:3; Isaiah 46:5-10.

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)

God has no equal and can be fully trusted—Isaiah passage.

- 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).

The OT writers used seven different primary words that all mean trust, but each one has a different degree of the word. The words came over to the NT (through the Greek translation of the OT, called the Septuagint) in one word. This one word "faith" carries the definition of all seven primary Hebrew words for trust. When we put our faith in God, we trust Him in all seven features of the word.

1. (*Chasah* 2620) a verb meaning to seek, to take refuge, like the shade of a tree. God is our shield providing refuge—Ps.18:2.
2. (*Batach* 982) confidence, it expresses the feeling of security that is felt when one can rely on someone else—Ps.56:4.
3. (*Aman* 539) to build up, to nurture, to be firm. Like a baby in the arms of a parent. It's the verb form of the word "amen". When we say "amen", we are literally saying I stand firm on this declaration or prayer—Micah 7:5.
4. (*Yachal* 3176) to wait with hope. It does not mean wonder if something will happen and hope it does but, to know that something will happen in the future—Isa.51:5.
5. (*Mibtah* 4009) to trust, to be confident, act of confiding. It refers to the person or thing in which one puts their trust—Ps.40:4.
6. (*Hul* 2342) to whirl, to shake, to twist or squirm. It used to describe an anxious waiting, to describe labor pains; it also implies God's creative work—Ps.37:7 (wait patiently).
7. (*Mahesh* 4268) a noun designating refuge or shelter. It indicates the place of safety and protection, from rain or storm, from danger of falsehood—Isa.25:4 (refuge).

Placing your trust (faith) in the Lord Jesus Christ involves all the features of the Hebrews words for trust.

(Definition of words—Strong's Concordance Dictionary).

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